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N^o 677 has a wife, several helpless Children and a very old infirm Grandmother depending on his Labour for Support, that he has very little property except a small Parcel of Land which is taken executed and advertised to be sold that the said Land will sell for not much more than the Fine and Costs, and that he will be deprived of the means of providing for his Family. We think the Fine considering the Man's Circumstances very grievous and express our regret the want of Power to mitigate it, and therefore request you will suspend the Sale until he has an Opportunity of laying his Case before the Assembly and applying for Relief
Mr. Job Garretson.

In Council, 2^d Aug^r 1781.
Sir, You are to proceed down the Bay at least as far as the Mouth of Patuxent River and keep frequently stretching a cross and down the Bay so as to have a constant look out; if you discover any of the Enemies Vessels standing up the Bay of ~~such~~ ^{such} Nature and may appear to you to have Troops on Board, you will return and give the earliest Information thereof, and whenever you have an Opportunity you will write us, where you are and communicate the Intelligence collected. Signal agreed upon, the Plateer will upon viewing a Vessel hoist a white Flag at the main Top mast head and lower the Peak of the Main sail, to answer the signal to haul down the Foresail.

Capt. Brian.

In Council, 3^d Aug^r 1781.
Sir, Commodore Graison has brought with him a Number of 679 Prisoners of War taken in one of the Enemies Barges, we shall take it as a particular Favor if you will have them properly secured.
Genl. Smallwood.

In Council, 3^d Aug^r 1781.
Sir, We have received your Letter of the 30th of July and