

In Council December 1788

Gentlemen;

Enclosed are a number of papers respect-
ing property supposed to be confiscated - we have thought
it proper to lay them before your honors, that such course
may be taken therein as the Legislature may direct -

We are Sir

The Honble
General Assembly

J. E. Howard

In Council December 22 1788.

Sir,

We find it necessary to accompany the enclosed Commis-
sion with some remarks on your conduct, respecting the one
issued last year - It appears by your endorsement on the cover
of that Commission that the Court declined opening it on account
of some disputes respecting Seniority - We must inform you
and those who concurred with you in that step, that we view
it as a direct resistance to the Constitutional authority vested in
this Board and we must further remark that the ground on which
you have hazarded this disobedience is communicated in a very
disrespectful manner - We recommend it to you to consider
the possible consequences of such a proceeding - We forbear to
point them out particularly, but as the old Commission is entire-
ly superseded from the time when a New One is tendered
to the Court, we cannot doubt that the proceedings may be vitiated
in a dangerous degree by persons continuing to act, whose author-
ity may have ceased. We have altered the arrangements of
your Commission, so far as we have thought the public good
and convenience, required it - and we shall at all times attend
to representations properly conveyed - but in every case we