

In Council May 28th 1789

Sir,

The enclosed Resolution entered into in consequence of the Petition you presented on Friday last will we persuade ourselves demonstrate to the people of Hartford our sincere disposition to afford them every relief in our power - Our intentions can only be frustrated by a continuance of the Conduct we have experienced from the Collectors - in which case the people cannot mistake the authors of their distresses.

We are Sir

J Howard

Alexander Cowan.

In Council May 29th 1789

Sir,

Mr Benjamin Howard collector of a district of Am Arundel County, produces a receipt from the Treasurer for the principal due on his Bond, for which execution was under your direction laid on his property, and prays that the payment of the ten per cent Interest due thereon may be suspended until the meeting of the Legislature - As the rate of Interest is uncommonly high and we have reason to conclude from several Resolutions of the General Assembly that such a step will be consonant to their practice and inclination, we have thought it advisable to suspend the Collection of it until the next Session of Assembly and do accordingly instruct you to direct such returns to be made in the cases that may come under your direction, as will have the effect of delaying the payment of the Interest without forfeiting the States claim to it.

William Shilly.

We are Sir

J Howard