

That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Prince  
 George in this State have neglected to take the  
 Bath for the support of the Constitution of the  
 United States by the time required by the Law —  
 It is the practice in this State for the Judges of  
 the several Courts to take the Baths required of  
 them by Law, in Court, and as the Court in this County  
 stood adjourned until after the first Day of September  
 87 the Judges could not take the Bath for the support  
 of the Constitution of the United States in the usual  
 manner before that time —

A Doubt arises whether any Proceedings  
 of the Court under these circumstances will be legal,  
 we therefore wish a Law may pass to aid the  
 Proceedings of this Court and to remove any disabilities  
 or penalties the Justices may have incurred — The  
 same difficulties may have occurred in some of the  
 other Counties in this State, we therefore wish that  
 if a Law should be passed it may be general —

We have the Honor to be

Delegates from Maryland  
 in the Congress of the  
 United States

J E Howard —

Sir

In Council October 1<sup>th</sup> 1789

The Board will be obliged to you if  
 (your)