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The Honorable Samuel T. Wright, John Davidson, Charles Wallace And Aquila Paca Esquires.—

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Commission issued to William Stevenson of Kent County appointed Naval Officer of the Eighth District in said County.—

A Petition from Elizabeth Hope of Montgomery County, was laid before the Board setting forth that she had bought Chickens of a Negroe without knowing she was acting Contrary to Law, it being a Constant Practice with all Ranks to buy of Negroes without a Note from their Masters—and that the Same Negroe being some time after brought before M^r Beall a Magistrate in said County on a Charge of having Stolen Poultry, she gave information of his having sold Chickens to her in Consequence of which she was presented, and on Submitting the facts to the Court was informed that they had no Discretionary Power, and consequently she was fined two thousand weight of Tobacco, and Eight of the Magistrates having certified that the facts contained in her Petition are true, and Recommending a Remission of said fine the Board taking the Same into Consideration are of Opinion that the said fine ought to be remitted and do order a Remission accordingly—

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W^m Paca
Sam^l T. Wright
John Davidson
C Wallace
Aq^l Paca.—

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[W^m Paca, Annapolis, to The Honble The Judges of the General Court]

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I have the Honor to lay before you Copies of two Letters, the one from the President of the State of Pennsylvania, the other my Answer to him on the Subject