

Thursday 11th. April 1793

The Council met.

Present Mr Brice
 Mr Kilty
 Mr Ridgely
 Mr Davidson
 Mr Pinkney

On the Petition of Robert Emory Ordered that the Treasurer of the western shore issue a Certificate to the said Robert Emory for the sum of two hundred and seven pounds eight shillings and three pence principal and bearing interest from the 8th October 1786, in lieu of a Certificate No. 822 issued to John Register Emory, heretofore held by the said Robert Emory, and lost since the year 1785, upon the said Robert Emory's giving bond with security according to the Act of last Session respecting lost Certificates.

[p. 221]

In Council April 11th 1793

The Board took into Consideration the Petition of William Smith of Harford County, setting forth that he is in the Commission of the Peace for said County, and was lately invited to the wedding of Richard Dallam Esq'r. as a guest, that Mr Dallam had sent to Baltimore to procure the attendance of a Clergyman to perform the marriage ceremony, and the Messenger not meeting with the person he was sent for, called afterwards on another Clergyman who was unable to attend—that the company were all assembled at an appointed day, and waited for the coming of the Parson 'till 10 o'Clock at night, when the Messenger informed them that a Clergyman could not be procured, that the Petitioner was prevailed upon by the solicitation of Mr Dallam to perform the marriage ceremony, that he was entirely ignorant of the Law which prohibits any other than Clergyman from performing the Marriage Ceremony nor would he have been prevailed on so to do except from the importunity of Mr. Dallam, who, assured the Petitioner that he had examined the Laws, and found that the Petitioner was authorized to marry him and his wife, that he has been presented in Harford County Court for this offence, and fined five hundred pounds at last March term as appears by a copy of the record annexed to the Petition.

[p. 222] The Chief Justice, and the Associate Justice together with a number of respectable inhabitants of Harford and Baltimore Counties having recommended the Petitioner as deserving of the interposition of this Board, it is ordered that of the sum of Five hundred pounds the forfeiture aforesaid, four hundred and eighty pounds be remitted on payment of all Costs arising on the prosecution.

James Brice
 Henry Ridgely
 John Davidson

Tuesday 16th. April 1793

The Council met.

Present as on Thursday the 11th.

On the application of the honorable the Justices of Ann Arundel County Court :