

Conceives against Law, and should he be compelled to pay the same  
would prove the utter ruin and destruction of himself his Wife  
and Children and of a necessity bring them a charge upon the  
Country, having nothing wherewith to maintain them, but his  
own Law Industry & Labour and some small matter it hath  
pleased God thereby to bless him with your petitioners Daughter  
is very much troubled and truly penitent for her miscarriage  
with serious Promises and resolutions of amendment your  
Petitioners very poor with a wife and severall small Children  
to maintain he humbly moves your Excellency serious and com-  
passionate consideration of his condition so as to remitt the said  
extraordinary and unusuall excessive fine or such part thereof  
as to your Excellency shall seem meet

And shall pray &c<sup>a</sup>

Which Petition was granted and thereupon endorsed as follow<sup>t</sup>  
By his Excellency the Governor and Council<sup>ts</sup>  
August 17 1737

The Petitioners fine is remitted to Five hundred Pounds of  
Tobacco, and no more to be Levied of him

Sign'd & Order  
J. L. Council<sup>ts</sup>

His Excellency informs the Board that for the better and  
more effectual management and dispatch of Business he  
had thought fit wholly to separate and keep apart the Chancery  
Office and Records from those of the Provinciaall Court, where-  
fore he thinks it reasonable, and moves the opinion and advice  
of this Board in setting the fees belonging to the said Office  
upon the Person who shall for the time being be employed  
or empowred to manage and execute the same which is unani-  
mously allowed and approved of

At a Councill held at the City of  
Saint Maries the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup>  
Anno Domini 1692