

us in a different Manner.

We beg Leave to inform your Excellency that we have had the Honour to be in the Possession of the Peace for this County twenty odd Years, and have the Satisfaction to say that in all that Time, neither the Force of Parties, or the many Changes which have happened in that Course of Years, ever produced any Charge against us, tho' we readily acknowledge if those Facts now exhibited were true the Rectitude of our former Conduct would not excuse us.

Therefore we jointly do and each of us doth for himself deny the Truth of all and every Matter and Thing charged in the Remonstrance aforesaid, excepting those in Judgment to which the best of Men may be liable, and we are induced to hope it will appear so on your Excellency's Examination thereof.

Your Excellency's most obliged humble Servants.

John Neary. P. Bayard.

May it please your Excellency.

We beg Leave to let your Excellency know that in Obedience to your Order we are now in Town and will agreeable to Summons attend your Excellency at the Council Board but are by no Means inclinable to be considered as a Party in the Affair, not having done more than informed your Excellency of the Behaviour of the said Col. Neary and Bayard as Justices and expect to satisfy your Excellency of the Truth of the Facts they are charged with, as we are no ways interested in the Matter have not applied for Summons to sundry Persons by whom the several Matters might be further illustrated, nor have applied to any Council to enforce our Opinions; tho' we are credibly informed that these Gentlemen have not only procured Subpoenas from the Provincial Court for a Number of Persons to testify as against us, but also employed Council; we therefore humbly hope, as the Affair depends on Facts, that our Council will be allowed to appear for the said Col. Neary and Bayard, more than for your most obedient humble Servants.

Wm. Thwaites. Sidney George. Geo. Read. Jas. Gordon. G. Milligan
Francis Key. Geo. Catto. Bay. Moody. Beale Bradley. James Prater
Annapolis April 14. 1758.

The Parties complaining of the Behaviour of Col. Neary and Col. Bayard as Magistrates of Cecil County, and the said Col. Neary and Bayard attending according to Summons of this Board were called in, and the Remonstrance