

The 25th January last
prepared, was read - the Parties complaining were heard in Support of the
said Remonstrance, and the Def^s were heard by Council with their Justification,
and several Witnesses examined, and they were then ordered to withdraw.

The Members of the Council declared their Opinion to his Excellency as
follows - To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor of Maryland.

Your Excellency having been pleased to do us the Honour to require our
Assistance in an Enquiry into the Conduct of Col: Vasey and Bayard Justice
of Cecil County in Respect of the Matters contained in a Remonstrance signed
by several of the Inhabitants of that County and addressed to your Excellency, we
beg leave to report with due Reference to your Excellency, the Facts which
appeared to us to be proved in the Course of a long Examination of Witnesses and
other Evidence and after having heard Council thereto who attended on the Behalf
of the said Magistrates.

1st It was clearly proved that Col: Bayard certified the Probate of an
Account, the Capture whereof he antedated, and thereby instead of making it
bear Date in 1753, the Time when the Certificate was wrote, giving it a Date in
1752: The Effect of this antedating would have been, had it not been discovered,
that the Account would have been legal Evidence, by appearing to have been proved
in Time: tho' in Fact had the Certificate been dated upon the Day and Year when
given, it could not have been given in Evidence.

2^{dly} It appeared in Evidence that Col: Bayard certified as a Magistrate the
Acknowledgment of two Debts taken to himself in which he was a Party, and that
the same were recorded by his Order, but it did not appear to us that the Effect
mentioned in the Remonstrance did actually happen.

3^{dly} The Charge of Col: Bayard's having upon a summary Trial ordered a
Person to be whipped for a Felony appeared to us to be without Foundation.

4^{thly} It appeared in Evidence that Col: Bayard being desirous to be
appointed Guardian to an Orphan, solicited a Magistrate in private Way
for his Countenance when the Matter should come before him judicially - It
further appeared by the Testimony of one Witness that after the Court was adjourned
and Proclamation had been made thereof, and when all the other Magistrates
had left the Court, except Col: Vasey and Bayard, or Col: Vasey Bayard.