

annually and not having come to a conclusion postponed the further consideration till Monday
Robert Bowie

Wednesday December the 12. 1804

The Council met. Present The Honble Richard Hall Harwood. Allen Bowie Buckett and
Richard Tilghman Carl.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr. John Wilmet out of the contingent
Fund fifteen pounds seven shillings and seven pence half penny, for riding charges to the
Sheriff of Charles Calvert and Montgomery Counties as per account passed by the Auditor.

The Council resumed the consideration of the appointment of Justices of the Peace and other
officers directed by the Constitution and laws to be appointed annually, and not having come to
a conclusion postponed the further consideration thereof till to Morrow.

Richard. H. Harwood

Thursday December the 13. 1804

The Council met. Present as on yesterday

By a Representation from the Chief and the two associate Justices of Lum Annis County
it appears that Matthias Bordley entered into a Recognizance for his appearance before the
said Judges to answer a charge for immoderately and cruelly whipping a little Negro Girl his
property. The Court state that the said Prosecution had been depending a considerable time,
on account of the absence of Witnesses, and that the said Bordley was called before the
Court last May Term to take his trial, but alledging that Mr. John Scott of Baltimore
his Counsel, could not then attend, further proceedings in the prosecution were deferred
until the following Week when he was informed it would be necessary for him to attend and
the Court having waited a reasonable time and neither seeing or hearing any thing from him
his Recognizance was called and forfeited. The Court state that at November Term last
Mr. Bordley appeared and his Counsel attending traversed the Indictment, was found
guilty and fined two hundred dollars. The Court state that the said Bordley alleged
as his reason for not complying with the requisition of the Court his ignorance of Judicial
Proceedings concerning it unnecessary for him to attend as he could not procure the assistance
of Mr. Scott in his defence, who was at that time at the Western Shore General Court,
engaged in business and to whom he had written on the occasion and from that circumstance
believed that the trial would be continued over till the next Term. The Board on consid-
eration of which circumstances and from the commendation of the Court of the said
County do remit the whole of the said forfeiture.

Richard. H. Harwood
Allen. B. Sheriff