William Simpson

Petition

Fine Remitted

10th July 1816

To his Excellency Isaac Shelby governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky, your petitioner William Sympson, would humbly represent that he is a man in very moderate circumstances: that his health has been bad for several years: that owing to bad health, he has not been able to work but very little for some years: but that wishing to make an honest livelihood, he did in the spring of the year 1815, obtain a licence from the county court of Bourbon, for the purpose of keeping tavern: that some time after your petitioner met with the proper commissioner appointed for taking in lists of taxable property; and did then and there give to said commissioner a list of all his property, but through ignorance, failed to give in to said commissioner, his tavern licence: Now may it please your excellency, your petitioner was cited, by summons, to appear at the ~~C~~ Court held for the county of Bourbon, on the first monday of July 1816, to shew cause if any he could why he should not be fined & treble taxed, for so failing to give in ~~a~~ his tavern licence to said commissioner. Your petitioner accordingly attended said Court & his excuse being heard, was not thought sufficient by the Court to excuse him, whereupon he was fined $5: and by judgment of said Court is or will be compelled to pay his treble tax, which will amount to thirty $20 more, in all $25 ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~; notwithstanding your petitioner on the day

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of said Court gave in to the Court his tavern licence, so that the Commonwealth will not be wronged out of one cent of taxes, on his account. Now may it please your Excellency, your petitioner is not able to pay said forfeiture & fine without its being a very serious injury to his little family, he therefore prays that you would remit said fine & forfeiture, thereby performing a constitutional privilidge vested in you. In so doing your petitioner will ever pray.

July 3d - 1816.

William Sympson.

We the undersigned being generally near neighbors of Mr Sympson & well acquainted with him, and having examined the statements in the above petition believe them to be correct, and would join with him & praying your Excellency to remit said fine & forfeiture, & particularly as the state will not be defrauded out of any thing inasmuch as he has given in his tavern licence to the said County Court.

Chas. Smith Jr

Jos Ph Kendrick

John Kendrick

Nathan Smith

Lyna Whittedge

D. M. Hickman

R. J. Williams

A. Chinn

John Day

Robt. Scrogin

John Humphrey
William Grant
Thomas Whitlock
Daniel grant
Daniel McCoy
John Morrell

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Thos. Dudley Esqr

Frankfort.

Mr. Simpson

Bamban 7th of July 1816

Dr. Sir

this will be handed to you by Mr. Simpson who is a neighbour of mine and I believe an Honest industrious man, and has I think been hardly Dealt with by the County Court of this County his Case is Stated in his petion to his Excellency the Governour which I suppose he will shew to you. he is unacquainted with business himself and perhaps will need some Aid, and has applyd to me to recommend his Case to some Gentn of Frankfort. I have thought of you and have recommended him to you to Aid him in this Case particularly if the Govr. should be absent. I think his Case one that [illegible] Executive Aid. I beg you to see to it for him please interest yourself in his behalf. A little see the Governour for him. I am Satisfyed nothing is necessary for his Relief but a fair Statement. excuse my thus troubling and believe me to be

Yr. Sincere Friend.

Chas. Smith Jr

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To his Excellency Isaac Shelby Esq Governor of Kentuckey your Petitioner Edward B Meredith Humbly Represents to your Excellency That intending to keep a house of Entertainment in the Town of Versailles he applied for and obtained a licence from the United States Collector authorising him to retail spirits from the date of his licence for one year which licence is dated in February 1816 after the County Court of Woodford had passed and intending to obtain licence under the State Government he went on to retail that at the March Term of the Woodford Circuit Court he was presented by the Grandjury: for retailing one half pint of whiskey: that at the april Court for Woodford County he applied for licence but for some cause to your petitioner unknown the Court did not grant them at May Court he applied and obtained a licence to keep Tave on for one year that the Circuit Court at their June Term entered a fine against your petitioner on the afsd presentment for Ten Dollars: which fine your petitioner prays your Excellency will remit and your petitioner will ever pray &c

June 15th 1816

Edwd B Meredith

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I hereby Certify that it appeared in Evidence on the Trial of this Cause that the Defendant had Obtained a Licence to Retail Liquors under the General government for one year before the presentment was made & the Deft had procured a Licence under the State of Government to Retail Liquor & Keep Tavern in the County ~~County~~ of Woodford at his own house where the Whiskey was sold for which the presentment was made but the latter Licence was not Obtained till after the presentment was made — And farther I was of Opinion the Case was hard but that strict law was against the defendant.

Henry Davidge
Cr Judge

We the undersigned pray your Excellency to Remit the within fine

W B Blackburn
John McKinney Junr
John Buford

Will remit this fine for reasons stated on the ~~[illegible]~~ of this Judge Davidge
Isaac Shelby
9th July 16

Edw. P. Meredith
Petition
Fine Remitted 9th July 1816

To his Excellency Isaac Shelby Esq Governor of Kentucky: Your Petitioner Billey Seroggan Humbey Represents to your Excellency that intending to keep a House of Entertainment in the Town of Versailles he applied for and Obtained a License from the united States Collector Authorizing him to Retail spirits from the date of his License for one year which License is Dated in February 1816 after the County Court of Woodford had passed and Intending to Obtain under the State Government he went on to Retail that at the March term of the Woodford Circuit Court he was presented by the Grandjury for Retailing one half pint of Whiskey that he afterwards applied to the County Court & at their May Term Obtained a License to keep Tavern for one year that the Circuit Court at their June Term Entered a fine against your petitioner on the aforesaid presentment for Ten Dollars which fine your Petitioner prays your Excellency will Remit and your petitioner will Ever pray &c

June 15th 1816

Billey Seroggan

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I Hereby Certify that it appeared in Evidence on the Trial of this Cause that the Defendant had obtained a Licence to Retail Liquors under the General Government for one year before the presentment was Made & the Defendant had procured a Licence under the State Government to Keep Tavern & Retail Liquors in the County of Woodford at his own house where the Whiskey was sold for which the Presentment was made but the Latter Licence was not obtained till after the presentment was Made —— And farther I thought the Cases hard, but that the law was against the defendant and therefore fell myself bound to inflict the fine

Henry Davidge
Cn Judge

We the undersigned pray your Excellency to Remit the Within fine

W R Blackburn
John McKinney Jun.
John Basford

I will remit this fine for reasons stated in the Post & by Judge Davidge
Isaac Shelby
9th July 1816

Ricly Scroggan
Petition
Fine Remitted 9th July 1816

David Maxwell

Petition

Fund Remitted 2nd July 1816

Dripping Springs Free
May 3rd Maxwell

to his Excellency Governor
Isaac Shelby

Frankfort

Mail

Dripping spring [illegible] day 25th 1816

Dr Sir

from the enclosed papers it will appear to your excellency that a fine has been inflicted on me for retailing spiritous liquors without license in the month of may last; When my license had expired about two months. which would not have happened but for the treachery of my mind & not with the View of defrauding the government — from the enclosed Certificate of our Clerk you will discover that since the year 1812 I have paid regularly have entered my tavern license with the Commissioner, and as regular=ly have paid the same tax due thereon —

Altho this will appear to your excellency a small matter for the exercise of your Constitutio=nal power. yet I trust you will remit the fine and let the duty I owe to myself & family and the Conviction of having in effect done my duty to the Government be my apology for thus entreating you

I am with Respect yours &c

S Maxwell

to his excellency Govr.
Shelby

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