

it selfe be dissolved for want of power to assemble; Know ye therefore that in case of such my absence I have authorised and deputed, & doe hereby appoint authorise and depute m^r John Lewger Secretary in my name and place to hold and continue the said Assembly at the day appointed, and to give voice for me to all and onely such things as he shall thinke fitt, also to adiorne or dissolve the said Assembly as he shall see cause, and to doe and performe all other things belonging to the said Assembly as amply to all intents and purposes as I my selfe might doe if I were personally present

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To the King's most Excellent Majesty

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The humble Petition of Captain William Cleborne on the behalfe of himself and Partners, —

Shewing

That the Petⁿ by vertue of a Comission under Your Majesties hand and Signett hereunto annexed, divers years past discovered, and did then plant upon an Island in the Great Bay of Cheasapeak in Virginia, by them named the Isle of Kent, which they bought of the Kings of that Country, and built houses transported Cattell, and Settled people thereon to their very great Costs and Charges which the Lord Baltmore taking notice of, and the great hopes for: trade of beavers and other Comodities like to ensue by the Peticoñers discoveries hath Since obtained a Pattent from your Majesty Comprehending the said Island with the Limitts thereof, and Sought thereby to dispossess the Peticoñers thereof and debarr them of their discovery and hopefull trade for beavers Complaint being made thereof, your Majesty was graciously pleased to signifie your Royal pleasure by a Letter under your Majesty's hand and Signett Intimating therein that was contrary to Justice and the true intent of your Majesty's Grant to the said Lord, that Notwithstanding the said Patent the Peticoñers should have freedom of trade enjoy the same therein requiring the Governor and all others in Virginia to be aiding and assisting unto them, prohibiting the Lord Baltmore and all other pretenders vnder him to offer Them any Violence, or to disturb or molest them in their said and plantation, as by your Majesty's Said Letter annexed appeareth, Since which time be it your Majty's Said Royal pleasure hath been made known to S^r John Governor of Virginia (who Slighted the Same) as also to the Lord Baltmore Agents there, Yet they have in a most wilfull and contemptuous manner disobeyed the same, and, violently Set upon your Peticoñers Pinnaces and

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