

By the Lord Prop^{ty} and Council Liber R.

This Petition is recommended to the consideration of the Justices of the Prov^l Court now in Court sitting, who are desired to take such ord^r for the releife of the Pet^r as to them shall seeme meete & according to Law

March 28th 1683: Signed p ord^r
p John Llewelin Cl Consil

Memdū

A Petition preferred by Thomas Bland the 28th Day of March 1683 complaineing ag^t the sheriffes of Kent and Baltimore County for non payment of the publick dues Anno 1681: and 1682: should have been here entred but p mistake is entred in lib Concil C B fo: 269 q^d vid & ord^r thereon

At a Council held at the City of S^t Maries the 29th Day of March Anno Dmi 1683

The R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty}

the hon^{ble} { Coll Henry Darnall }
 { Coll W^m Stevens }
 { Coll W^m Digges }

the hon^{ble} { Coll W^m Burges }
 { Maj^r Nicholas Sewall }
 { M^r John Darnall }

Present

Coll William Burges prays the heareing of his petition w^{ch} is read as foll. p. 347

To the R^t hon^{ble} Charles absolute Lord and Prop^{ty} of the Provinces of Mary^{ld} & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a

The humble Petition of Coll W^m Burges
Sheweth

That whereas one Robert ffrancklyn now decd: was in his life tyme constituted and appointed by your L^{dsp} high Sheriff of Anne Arrund^l County; for the due Execution of whose Office, your Pet^r became bound with the said ffrancklyn to y^r L^{dsp} in the penalty of a very greate summe of Tobacco, And whereas the said ffrancklyn as high Sheriff aforesaid, was chargeable with the Rents leavyes and other publick Dutyes payable as well to y^r L^{dsp} as to severall of your L^{dsp} good people of this Province for the collect- ing of which the said Sheriff by the good Lawes of this Province had power to leavy the same by way of Execution. But