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ESTATE OF VALERIUS DUCHART, AN UN-
NATURALIZED FRENCH ALIEN

[PETITIONS OF DANIEL CHAMIER, THE EXECUTOR AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF VALERIUS DUCHART, APRIL 20, 1757, TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PRAYING RELIEF FOR THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF DUCHART, WHOSE LANDS, AS AN UNNATURALIZED ALIEN, HAVE BEEN ESCHEATED.]

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland &c. &c. &c

And To the Honourable Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the said Province

The Humble Petition of Daniel Chamier Executor and Administrator to the Estate and Effects of Valerius Duchart deceased, On Behalf of the Widow of the said Duchart and of his Seven Children

Most Humbly Sheweth

That the said Valerius Duchart was a Native of the City of Strasburg in the Principality of Lorraine and Kingdom of France and a Protestant; and did by the way of Holland and England embark for New York and on or about the Latter Part of the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty three or Commencement of the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty four arrived into this Province without any part of his Family; And in the Month of April One thousand seven hundred and fifty four Did rent of and from Doctor William Lyon of Baltimore Town a Certain Plantation to him belonging in Baltimore County, where he exercised the Business of an Ordinary Keeper, until he could clear and prepare a proper Plantation for the Reception of himself and ffamily.

That on or about the latter Part of the said Month of April of the same Year he did purchase of and from M.^r Thomas Harrison of Baltimore Town a certain Tract of Land containing Four hundred Acres being Part of a larger Tract known by the Name of Harrisons Meadow in Baltimore County, and that he then paid the said Harrison for the aforementioned Purchase the Sum of One hundred and Twenty Pounds Currency and procured a proper Conveyance for the Same, and the Said Duchart during his keeping the said Ordinary and tending the Plantation so rented at a great Expence and Charge Did in the Space of less than two Years clear near One hundred Acres of the said Tract so purchased, built three convenient Messuages or Tenements; Sink a well of great Depth thereon, & Stone great Part thereof, and otherwise greatly Improve the said Tract of Land by Fencing, Draining &c.

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