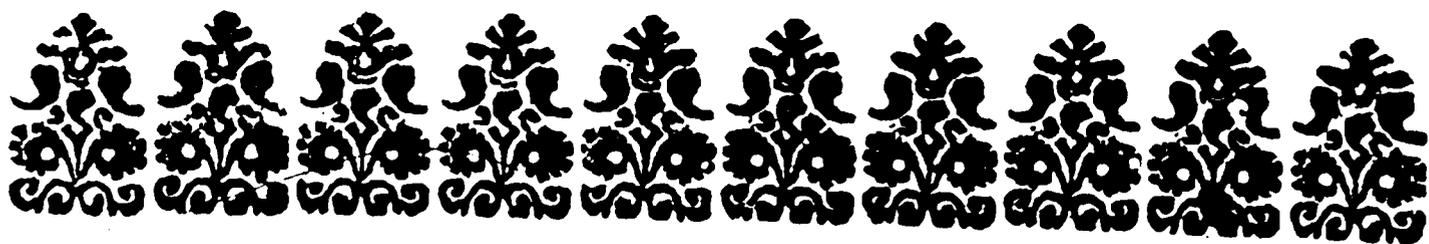


have a gracious Answer, and suitable Redress; And your Petitioners hereunto Subscribed, shall pray, &c.

*Dated in Patuxent River, in the Province of Maryland, the first of March, 1653.*

Subscribed, *Richard Preston*, and 60. more of the House-keepers, and Freeman.



*An Answer to the Petitions lately Received from the Inhabitants of the Rivers of Severn and Patuxent.*

*Gentlemen,*

**W**E have lately Received from you a Petition and Complaint against the Lord *Baltimore* his Governor and Officers there, who upon pretence of some uncertain Papers and Relations to be sent out of *England*, but no way certified or authenticated, have presumed to recede from their Obedience to the Commonwealth of *England*, to which they were reduced by the Parliaments Commissioners; to the contrary whereof, nothing hath been sent out of *England*, as far as is yet made appear unto us; But Duplicates and Confirmation of the Commissioners Power and Actions were sent from the Parliament since the Reduction of *Virginia* and *Maryland*. Now whereas you Complain of real Grievances