

entitled thereto, among whom are your said Petitioners.

Your Petitioners further represent that the said tract of land lying in Garrett County, aforesaid, remaining unsold was acquired by said Thomas Beatty Sr. James Beatty, by Patent from the State of Maryland, issued to them June 4th, 1795, by the name of "Flowery Meadows," for 528 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, a duly certified copy of which Patent, in which said land is fully described, is herewith filed as Exhibit C; that subsequently to the granting of said Patent to said Thomas James and John C. Beatty his tenants in common, the said James Beatty did on December 6th, 1796, convey all his right, title and interest in said "Flowery Meadows" to said Thomas Beatty by deed duly executed and recorded in Liber I. L. No. B. folios 336 & 337, one of the Land Records of Allegany County; a certified copy of which deed is herewith filed marked Exhibit D; and that after the granting of said Patent the said John Conrad Beatty did likewise convey all his right, title and interest in said "Flowery Meadows" to the said Thomas Beatty by deed executed April 27th, 1799, and duly recorded on that day, with the deed from James Beatty, in Liber I. L. No. B. folios 335 & 336, one of the Land Records of said Allegany County; a certified copy of which is herewith filed as Exhibit E.

Your Petitioners further represent that the said tract of land containing 47 acres, called "Last of All," and lying in Indiana County, as aforesaid, was acquired by said Thomas Beatty Sr. by Patent from the State of Maryland, issued on the 24th day of April 1792, a duly certified copy of which Patent in which the same is fully described being herewith filed marked Exhibit F.

And your Petitioners further represent unto your Honors that owing to the nominal value of lands in Allegany County, as then called, during the lifetime of said John Ritchie, the said John Ritchie could not effect an advantageous sale thereof and did in November 1826 without having sold said tract, which up to that time and for a long time since could not, in the unsettled condition of said County, have been sold without prejudice to those interested. That the said tracts of "Flowery Meadows" and "Last of All," devised to the heirs at law of said Thomas Beatty subject to the power of sale contained in the will of said Thomas Beatty. That at the time of the death of the said John Ritchie the said heirs at law and devisees of the said Thomas Beatty or those entitled to the proceeds thereof, when sold, were unwilling in the then condition of the market to have said "Flowery Meadows" sold at the nominal price then obtaining for lands in Allegany, now Garrett County, and preferred to retain the said land unsold under the impression that the said land would appreciate in value when the section in which it lay should become more cleared and populated, and certain public improvements then projected were completed; and with the hope of realizing the benefit of such anticipated increase of value,