4. Martij 1646.

Pet^{on} of the London mch^{ts}
trading to the Plantacons

D^t 8 Feb. 1646

To the right hono^{bl} the Lords in Parlyament assembled.

The humble Petition of divers Marchants of the Citty of London, trading to Virginia and other the English Plantations.

Sheweth

That whereas an Ordinance is depending, and hath past this hono^{bl} Howse for the making voide and repealing of the Letters Pattents graunted to Cecill Lord Baltimore of the Province of Maryland neere to Virginia for the reasons exprest in the said Ordinance.

And whereas vppon two or three Petitions of the said Lord Baltimore vnto this Hono^{bl} Howse, that hee might haue a hearing of his Cause, there hath been seuerall dayes appointed for him to bee heard at this Barr by his Councell.

Nowe forasmuch as the said Lord Baltimore and his Agents haue not only acted horridd things in that Province as Papists and Enemyes, but alsoe haue binn interest in a Comission wch tearmes the hono^{bl} Parlyament Rebells, and to sease the Estates of Londoners, which hath bin soe cleered to the Comitty of Plantations, as may render an opinion that his Petitions are rather heere presented to protract and delay time, then truly to obtaine a hearing, and this bussines is not only of publicke concerment to this Comonwealth, but to all the Planters and Traders into those ᵱts of Virginia and Maryland.

Yo^r Petitioners doe therefore most humbly pray that the said Ordinance may bcc sent to the Howse of Comons according to yor Honors first intent.

And the Petition^{rs} shall euer pray &c

Maurice Thomson	Oliuer Clobery	James Stetry
Tho: Deacon	Geo: Fletcher	Wm Pennoyer
Wm Jhonns	Robt Lewellin	Richd Chandler
Tho: Janorcije	Anthony Pennyston	Wm Travers
Richard Flouers	Richd Allen	Richard Phillipps
Charles Culley	Tho: Gower	John White.

Oppose the same, to the uttermost of my power soe long as I shall be a member thereof; Soe help me God &c:

Jurat Coram Leon: Calvert.   Aprill 16th Anno Dñi 1647.