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Came George Parker gentleman one of the Attorneys of the Provinciaall Court and presented to the board this following petition (viz.)

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To the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c.

The humble petition of Henry Bray citizen and glazier of London

Most humbly sheweth,

Henry Bray's  
petition. That Nicholas Painter of Ann Arrundell County in the Province aforesaid being possessed of a certain plantation in the said County with a very considerable stock of Tobaccoes, Negroes, household goods and other goods and commodityes thereon being, and of several debts amounting in all to a very considerable value, and alsoe being seized off and in severall parcells of land lyeing in divers Counties in the Province aforesaid, did in or about the moneth of Aprill 1684. transport himself to London That the said Nicholas Painter at his departure from Maryland constituted Coll. William Burgess his Attorney, and entrusted him with his s<sup>d</sup> estate. That on the eighth of September 1684. the said Nicholas Painter made his last will and Testament in London and thereof appointed your Ld<sup>ps</sup> Petitioner (his neere relation sole executor and in a few daies after imbarqued himself for Maryland, and immediately after his arrivall there dyed. That the said Nicholas Painter dureing his continuance at London became indebted to your Petitioner a considerable summe of money upon Bond, and alsoe to divers other persons severall greate summes of money, That the said Coll. Burges (without any lawfull authority) not only deteines the goods and Estate of the said Nicholas Painter which wee comitted to him as aforesaid, but hath alsoe possessed himself of 15. able servants, and a considerable quantity of goods and merchandizes, which the said Painter transported with him and likewise of a parcell of goods belonging to your Petitioner. And forasmuch as the said Coll. Burges hath taken upon him to appraise the said Estate, servants and goods, and much undervalued the same by which indirect meanes not only your Petitioner (who is the true Executor) is likely to be defrauded of his right and interest to the Estate of the said Painter but also he and all other the Creditors of the said Painter are in greate danger of loseing their just debts.

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Your Petitioner therefore most humbly implores your Lordship to be pleased to take the premises into consideration and to grant him your Lord<sup>ps</sup> Letter directed to your Council in