

c. s. c. and that many may be prevented from attempting to join the enemy could they see any Forces stationed among them to afford them proper protection. Our militia have been so long on duty, guarding our Bay and River Shores to prevent the depredations of the Enemy and the Escape of Tories, that they have many of them lost considerably in their Harvests and suffered much in other parts of their property, and we fear that if they are not assisted very soon they will be almost in a state of despair. Cap^t Woollfords Company which was originally intended for this County is now taken from us, and part of it is ordered by Major Price to be stationed in Somerset, and the other part on the mouth of Nanticoke, whereby it is rendered almost useless to this County, and we are left in a manner defenceless, tho' as much exposed as any County in the Province. This being the situation of our County we thought it necessary to inform you thereof, and we doubt not but your Honours will pay proper attention thereto. We are with great respect

Your most Hble. Servants.

Signed p^r order

James Murray Chairⁿ

P. S.

We are greatly in want of Powder, and should be glad to receive a supply as soon as possible.

[Clarkson's Petition.]

To The Honourable the Convention of Maryland.

The Petition of Bazil Clarkson most humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner now is, and hath been, for a considerable time past confined in the Goal of the City of Annapolis for a supposed crime, of which your Petitioner is in no wise guilty.

Your Petitioner also begs leave to represent to your Honours that he is now in almost a starving condition, occasioned by the want not only of the common necessaries of life, with respect to bodily clothing, but also for the further want of bedding, that he is now craving your Honours to release your Petitioner from his confinement; and should your Honours deign to hear your Petitioner at the Bar of your Honourable House, your Petitioner is satisfied within his own mind that he shall be well acquitted.

Should this Petition be adverted, Your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c.