

Lib. R. Where came before them Robert Leshley and Elizabeth his wife according to appointm^t by reason of a Peticōn exhibited p^r the s^d Robert to the Governo^r and the Governo^{rs} warrant thereupon Dated the 5th instant, w^{ch} said Peticōn & warrant foll: in ord^r viz.

To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Notley Esq^r L^{tt} Gen^{ll} & Chiefe Governo^r of Maryland

The humble Peticōn of Robert Leshley Humbly Sheweth

That yo^r Peticōners wife being a woman of an Implacable turbulent Spiritt has at severall times unjustly & wrongfully made Divers complaints and Accusations against yo^r Pet^r before severall of his Lo^{pps} Justices of the peace of Calvert County but finding they tooke not the effect she hoped for, and that her Designe of procureing a considerable part of yo^r Pet^{rs} Estate to be allowed her for a maintenance with which she might live at her pleasure where she listed and quite Desert the ffamily and concerns of yo^r Pet^r was wholly frustrated, she hath since very falsly injuriously & maliciously accused yo^r Pet^r of Buggery to the greate scandall & irreparable prejudice of yo^r Pet^{rs} credit and reputation w^{ch} he Does & alwaies shall Esteeme of greater price & value then his Life.

Wherefore yo^r Peticōner humbly prayeth, that yo^r Hono^r will be gratiously pleased to grant him a Warrant, that she may be brought before yo^r Hono^r and her complaints & accusations against yo^r Pet^r heard and Examined before yo^r Hono^r whereby your yo^r Pet^r may purge and cleanse himself of that greivous scandall cast upon him and that for the future he may live more peaceably & comfortably either with his said Wife or by allowing her such a maintenance as yo^r Hono^r shall ord^r and Command

And as in Duty bound he shall ever pray &c^a

The Governo^{rs} warrant thereupon was Endorsed on the back side of the Peticōn and is as foll. viz.

The matter alleadged by the Pet^r being of more then Ordinary concern, I recommend the same to the Examination of my self and his Lo^{pps}: Councill, and Doe hereby will & require you James Rumsey that you apprehend Elizabeth Leshley the Pet^{rs} wife and have her Body before my self and his L^{pps} Councill at the Citie of S^t Maries on the ffour & Twentieth Day of this instant October next ensueing when & where you are also to bring with you the within Peticōn. Whereof faile not. And for soe Doeing this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given und^r my hand and Seale this ffifth