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Then taken into consideration the frequent complaints Lib. R. made by the Inhabitants of this Province against the Ordinary keepers at St Maries for want of Due accommodation of themselves and their horses at Provinciall Courts and other times of publick convention according to the tenor of their bonds and the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided, which Act was read & ordered that Henry Exon and John Baker Daniel Clocker and ffrancis Catterson Ordinary keepers in and about the City of S' Maries enter into bond anew with one sufficient security each (to be taken by and remaine in the hands of the Clerk of the Councill) in the summe of Twenty Thousand pounds of tobacco conditionally to comply with the tenor of the Act, provideing for Ordinary Keepeing, and upon such bond with security as aforesaid that lycenses be granted them for keeping ordinary as afore- p. 170 said, otherwise that they be not Admitted to keepe ordinary for the future.

Henry Exon pursuant to the aforesaid ord^r makes tender of Cap^t John Stanesby for his security w^{ch} is accepted off and bond accordingly taken

By Stephen Gary a peticon preferred to this board viz

To the R^t hon ble the Lord Prop ry and to his hon ble Councill &c

The humble Petition of Stephen Gary of Dorchester County Sheweth

That your Petitioner according to his Duty would have surrenderd his Acco¹⁵ to your L^{5pp} long since but being prevented by sickness and badd weather had neither time to bring them nor make them up.

That the leavyes were soe inconsiderable these two yeares last past that your Pet could make in both yeares but Eighty two pounds of tobacco and less then two hundred single

tytheable or two in a ffamily

That your Pet^r susteyned greate loss last yeare by received Tobacco which lay on his hands Eighteene hhs at one place and fourteen at other places soe that unless your Pet^r should continue his office for the yeare ensueing it would be almost his utter undoeing

Your Petitioner therefore Supplicates your L^{spps} Clemency to allow him further time to make up his said Accompts and to continue him in the Office of Sheriff for the County aforesaid.

And your Petitioner shall pray &c

Which petition was answered by this following Subscription viz