

By Jeffry Peterson a petition (viz.)

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To his Ex^{ncy} the Lord Prop^{ry} of the Province of Maryland

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The humble Petition of Jeffry Peterson off Sassafrax River
18: May 1680:

Sheweth That in Anno 1676: M^r Augustine Herman, M^r Henry Ward, M^r John Gilbert came to your Pet^r and asked him to sell his land for the use of the County whereupon your Pet^r replied, yea, provided I might be satisfied for it, M^r Harman made answer I should be honestly paid for it, and soe asked me the price thereof; I told them I had been bid 4000^l tob^o for it and refused it M^r Harman said that if I had soe offered for it they could give me noe less but I told them if they had it they must give me 4500^l tob^o for it; against which they made noe objection, and as to the price soe it rested. Yett moreover I also told them that unless I might have my Tobacco the winter following or at furthest by the 25th March then next ensueing And withall provided that I would reserve a beeing on the land unto my mother in Law dureing her life, otherwise I would not sell it: Sometime after this M^r Henry Ward and M^r Abraham Wilde past a bill unto me, when I went to demand my tobacco M^r Herman bid me produce my bill and I should have my Tobacco soe I produced my bill and they tooke it of me, and ordered m^r Oldfield to pay the Tobacco, but Oldfield not paying of me I applyed myself again to the Com^{rs} and have been waiteing on their worships ever since yeare after yeare except this last yeare, but cannot Gett the tobacco and yett they keepe my Bill

Wherefore I intreate y^r Ex^{ncy} to consider my case that I may be righted; my disappointment in the tobacco which then I should have had to served my occasions hath proved very injurious to me, as also Damage in my Stock occasioned by remooveing upon w^{ch} Considerations with Submission to y^r Ex^{ncys} Judgem^t If non pformance shall make the Agreem^t null, and that it may be your pleasure I shall have my land againe (tobacco being now meane in value) or such other compensation as may be Equivalent for w^{ch}

Y^r Petitioner prayeth

Ordered that M^r Augustine Herman M^r Henry Ward M^r Abraham Wild and other the Commissioners of Cecill County Court therein any wise concerned take the premisses into consideration and doe therein as speedily as may be what to right and Justice appertaineth, thereby saveing themselves the occasion of further trouble