

Liber R. At A Council held at the City of Saint Marys the 31<sup>st</sup> day  
of March Anno Domini 1683

The Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary  
the honble { Major Nicholas Sewall }  
                  { M<sup>r</sup> John Darnall            }

By John Richardson A Petition viz.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and his  
Honble Council

The humble petition of John Richardson of Durham Cou<sup>nty</sup>  
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner and one Francis Whitwell of the same  
County (not knowing but that the said Durham County was  
within the Government of New York) obtained Warrants and  
had surveyed and laid out for them in the said County under  
the Government of New York aforesaid Two thousand Acres  
of Land called Mill Range and obtained A Grant for the same  
from the Governor of New York aforesaid, that the said Whit-  
well will not believe that the said County is within this your  
Lordships Province and therefore hath not nor will not sue to  
your Lordship for A Grant for the said Two Thousand Acres  
of Land but doth refuse to Join with your Petitioner therein,  
allegding that he is secure in his Title from New York ; that  
your Petitioner being assured that the same County is within  
this Province, and desirous to enjoy what Land he hath there  
under your Lordship doth humbly pray

That a Special Warrant may be Granted him to have  
Resurveyed and laid out in his own name the said two Thou-  
sand Acres of land and that upon the Return of the Certifi-  
cate of Resurvey thereof your Petitioner making good Rights  
for the same within twelve months after he may have A Grant  
for the same to him and his Heirs for ever.

And your Petitioner as in duty Bound shall ever pray.

Ordered that Special Warrant issue to the Surveyor Gen-  
eral of this prov<sup>s</sup> or his Deputy to Resurvey and lay out for  
and in the name of the Petitioner the said Tract of Two Thou-  
sand Acres in the Petition mentioned according to the true  
Antient Metes and Bounds thereof giving notice thereof to  
the said Francis Whitwell of such his Warrant before he  
Execute the same Certificate thereof to be returned to his  
Lordship and Council with all Convenient speed for further  
Consideration & answer to the Petition.