

Michael Ashford's Petition.

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To the R^t hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baltimore
Absolute Lord and Prop^{ry} of this Province of
Maryland &c^a
The humble Petition of Michael Ashford of
Charles County.

Submissively sheweth

That whereas there is an Action Depending in the Prov^{ll} Court betweene your L^{sps} pet^r as plt. and Philip Lynes Def^t and the s^d Action hath depended in the s^d Court for severall Courts, and as yett is not brought to a full hearing & determination, but is continued from Court to Court to the greate damage and prejudice of yo^r L^{sps} humble petitioner being thereby putt to abundance of unnecessary charges & Expence, almost to the ruine of your L^{spps} pet^r having not wherewithall to wage Law soe long for his just due and right with soe potent an Enemy as he hath to deale with, although your L^{sps} pet^r at Portobacco at your L^{sps} request before the said Action was entred would have submitted himself to your L^{spps} to have putt an end to the said Action betwixt them, which was then by the said Philip Lynes refused.

Therefore your L^{spps} Pet^r humbly beggs & supplicates yo^r L^{spp} to take the premisses in your most serious Consideration and order that the s^d Action may not longer be continued but brought to a full heareing and Determination this next Provin, ciall Court before your L^{spps} departure out of this Province- that he may not be putt to any further unnecessary charge and expence in & about the same. P. 23

And your L^{spps} humble pet^r as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

thus answered by the foll ord^r to the Prov^{ll} Court (viz.)

By the Lord Prop^{ry} & Councill

Ashford & Lynes Order for tryall

It is this Day ordered that the Cause depending betweene Philip Lynes and Michael Ashford of Charles County before the hon^{ble} the Justices of the Provinciall Court be brought to tryall this Court without further delay.

ffeb^{ry} 14th 1683 :

Signed p ord^r
J Llewelin Cl Consil