

Lib. R. R. R. Maryland ss: To his L<sup>sp</sup>s Dep<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>rs</sup> & hon<sup>ble</sup> privy  
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Calvert County pet. conc: Towne

The humble petition of the Inhabitants of Calvert  
County in the ffreshes of Pottuxen &c:

May it please your Hono<sup>rs</sup>

Whereas An Act was made confirmed, and Established by his L<sup>sp</sup>s the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> of this Province by and with the consent of the upper and lower house of Assembly Intituled an Act for building of Townes in this Province of Maryland Anno Dmi. 1683: And in the said Act divers places in each County within this Province very fitt & comōdiously appointed where the s<sup>d</sup> Townes should be built and settled to the greate ease and commodity both of us the Inhabitants of this Province and of the m<sup>r</sup>chants here tradeing and resideing amongst which, One very convenient place here in the ffreshes of Pottuxen was in the said Act nominated and appointed viz: on John Bolings land neare M<sup>r</sup> Gants land: (as may appeare by the s<sup>d</sup> Act more at large) But in a Subsequent Assembly (by whose malicious suggestions we know not) the afores<sup>d</sup> commodious and convenient place at John Bolings land was left out, and altered to a place (altogether to us inconve-  
nient) upon Henry Cox's land; Wee therefore whose names are subscribed, and divers others the Inhabitants of Pottuxen River humbly pray your Hono<sup>rs</sup> due consideration in the p<sup>r</sup>misses, And that although the s<sup>d</sup> John Bolings land be left out, and unmentioned in the last Act of Assembly; Yett that your Hono<sup>rs</sup> would be pleased, and in your wisdomes think meete to grant us the aforementioned place at John Bolings Land for a port of trade, to lade or unlade any of our goods Traffick or m<sup>r</sup>chandize, and there lawfully to trade, buy sell and m<sup>r</sup>chandize, as at any Towne within this Province without the breach or Impeede of the said Act. And further that your Hono<sup>rs</sup> would be pleased to appoint & authorize some judicious persons to see the said Port equally laid out in Lotts, as your Hono<sup>rs</sup> shall see convenient, And that expeditiously That your Hono<sup>rs</sup> pet<sup>rs</sup> may readily build upon and fitt the said Port for the use aforesaid, and humbly beg that it may be confirmed to us and our heires, for a Port of tradeing, buying, selling,  
p. 252 m<sup>r</sup>chandizing, Loadeing or unloadeing of any goods Traffick or m<sup>r</sup>chandizes, aswell the growth of this province, as any other goods or M<sup>r</sup>chandizes that shall be brought or imported.

And your Hono<sup>rs</sup> pet<sup>rs</sup> shall as in dutty bound  
signed ever pray &c: