Lib. H. D. vincial Court of this Province be adjourned until the last Tuesday in ffeb^{ry} next, at wch Court as well matters by Iuries as Appeals and Writts of Error &^{ca} will be tryed and that the Govern^{r} & Councill for hearing Appeals & writts of Error will sitt the third day after the end of the said Court.

ffr: Nicholson

Presented by the Clerk of this Board the following Petition wch was by Ord^{r} Read Viz^{t}

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esqr Capt Gen^{ll} & Govern^{r} in Chief of his Maj^{tes} Province of Maryland, and to his Maj^{tes} hono^{ble} Councill now sitting.

The Humble Petition of Henry Denton Clk.

Sheweth

p. 591 That he severall times addressed himselfe to the last Assembly for bettering his Sallary as Clerk to his Maj^{tes} Hono^{ble} Councill, being allowed only by the House the sum of 12000^{lbs} of Tob^{o} (the usual Sallary settled on the former Clerks in that Station) wch they totally Rejected notwithstanding yor Petitioner made them sensible of the vast differences betwixt the business of that time & now; besides the great charge of constantly supplying the Office wth Pen, Inke, wax & paper &^{ca} and hiring Clerks.

That since Iune last it hath cost yor Petitioner near nine pounds Sterll ready money in hireing Clerkes to expedite & his Maj^{tes} & the Countreys business besides finding them accommodations whilst they writt, as ꝑ receipts hereunto annext may appear.

That at this present he imployes an Assistant Clerke besides a Deputy and is out of pocquett a great deale for furnishing paper &^{ca} That by the Order of this Hono^{ble} Board he is to receive, take charge and look after all manner of Papers Relating to Navall affairs wthin this his Maj^{tes} Province, and finds business every way increasing upon him; Therefore humbly prayes yor Ex^{ncy} & Hono^{rs} tender consideration of the p^{r}misses, and th^{t} you would be pleased to setle the Provincial Amerciaments (being in your Ex^{ncy} and Honours guift) upon yor Petitioner towards furnishing his Office with all necessaries and paying assistant Clerks, wch he is forced to hire for the ready and quick dispatch, of business (besides keeping a Deputy) by wch means yor Petitioner will be encouraged more chearfully and diligently to attend the duty of his Office, and enabled to defray the great charge thereby accruing And yor Petitioner as in duty bound

Shall ever pray &^{ca}