

to the same forever more: And that in all cost and charges that shall be laid out and expended in the Premises shall be Defray'd and paid by an Equall Assessm<sup>t</sup> on the Inhabitants in the said County by the pet<sup>r</sup> According to the Direcccon of of the said Act. Lib. L. L.  
No. 2.

To his Excellency Nath<sup>l</sup> Blakistone Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Governour in Cheife in and over his Matyes Province of Maryland, And to his Matyes Hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill and house of Delegates.

The Petition of John Needles and Eliz<sup>a</sup> his Wife And John Sherwood and Lucy his Wife and of Mary Man Spinister all of Talbott County.

Humbly Sheweth.

That a certaine Edward Man late of Talbott County Gentl ffather of the said Eliz<sup>a</sup> Lucy and Mary: in his life time with his owne hand did draw a certaine writeing (as Appears by the Carracter being well knowne To many persons of undoubted Credit) in forme of a Testam<sup>t</sup> or Codicill which is not knowne to have been Altered or revoked by any latter Will or Testaments or Words or Speeches. Yett the same was never Witnessed, however it is Registerd in the Commissaryes Office. To avail soe much as in law it may; by which writeing he did Dispose of his Estate both Reall and Pesonall; And amongst other things did Appoint and order Eleaven hundred and fforty acres of land at Kington to be Equally divided betweene his Daughters your Petioners aforesaid by the Iudgm<sup>t</sup> and Discretion of a certaine M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smithson and M<sup>r</sup> Edward Pollard, as by the s<sup>d</sup> Writeing herewith humbly Offer'd (Relation being thereunto had) it doth Appear and further by the said Writing doth appoynt and order his Daughter Anne Darby to have like proporcon in Land out of the four Tracts he bought of M<sup>r</sup> John Pitts And his sonn John to have Three hundred acres of Land out of the Tracts he had of M<sup>r</sup> Pitts; To be allotted by the said M<sup>r</sup> Smithson and M<sup>r</sup> Pollard if he shall come to settle in the Country: To be delivered at demand. If in case he dyes w<sup>th</sup>out Issue And his (that is if the said Edward Mans) land in Engl should Descend to his Daughter Darby then after the Decease of his Wife his land he then lived on to be Equally divided betwixt the Three younger Daughters your Petitioners aforesaid, Since which time his Sonn John dyed in Engl: and left a Widow and one Child as your Petitioners are most certainly informed; being at the time by Computacon not Two years old, and heire to all the said Land in case