

Lib. M. The Petition of many the Inhabitants of Great Choptank Parish in Dorchester County

Most humbly Sheweth

p. 30 That in the said Parish the Church thereof is placed on the Side of Choptank River, a great distance from your Petitioners so that they could not possibly attend Gods Worship therein

That your Petitioners in Regard to the Great Distance to the Parish Church aforesaid, did in or about the Year 1709 by the Assistance of the then Vestry and their own Contribution obtain a Chappel of Ease scituate in Vienna Town by Nanticoak River on the other side of the Parish aforesaid

Notwithstanding the peaceable Enjoyment of the said Chappel ever since, as well as convenient Scituation of it; several Endeavours hath been made to remove the same, to the great Inconveniency of Your Petitioners, and since those Endcavours hath hitherto been frustrated by a suitable Opposition, so Your Pet^{rs} were in hopes of resting easy and quiet in the Use of the said Chappel for the future

But so it is May it please Your Excellency and Honours, the Vestry of the said Parish of late (to the Great Surprize of your Petitioners) did make an Appointment to meet at a Certain Place in Order to Chuse A Peice of Land, and Contract with a Workman to Erect another Chappel of Ease not distant from the former above five Miles; which accordingly they have done; althô there is no intervening Creek, Cove, Branch or Swamp between them whereby the People may be incommoded in their Passage; by which means Your Petitioners althô not at present may hereafter by such a Method be deprived of the abovesaid Chappel at Vienna which they have so long enjoyed

The Premises considered Your Petitioners humbly intreats such Relief herein, as may prevent the Vestry erecting the new Chappel, the securing and repairing the Old, or such Orders and Determinations in this Matter as in your Great Wisdoms may be for the Quiet and Ease of Your Petitioners in their Possession of the s^d Chappel, and preventing designing Persons giving them Uneasiness therein for the future, and Your Peti^{rs} as in Duty bound shall pray

Edw ^d Elliott	Mich ^l Stockdell	Henry Parks
John Hurley	Jn ^o Creek	Jacob Charles
Rog ^r Hurley	W ^m Smith	Isaac Charles
Darby Hurley	John Minish	Joseph Hust
Morris M ^c Kenney	W ^m Guy	John Lamey
Rog ^r Dudley	Nath ^l Mitchell	Rob ^t Dixon