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this Part of the World, in the mean time I remain

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Your most Ob^t hble servant

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Presid^t of the Council Pensilv^a

Read the following Petition

To His Excellency the Governor and the honourable Council
of the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of the Subscribers on behalf of themselves
and a great number of Freeholders of Prince
Georges County.

Humbly Sheweth

That the Court House of the said County is a Wooden Building much decayed, and that Upper Marlborough the Place where it now stands is exceedingly inconvenient to the greatest Part of the Freeholders, if the Division of the County takes Place at Seneca, and as a Division has been expected for some time, the Justices of the s^d County have often refused as We are informed to make any considerable Repair 'till that should be determined that the Inhabitants in the new County might not be burthened with any Part of the Expence: And yet some of the Justices of the said County on the last Day of last November Court did make an Order of Court without any Petition from the Inhabitants to levy on the People One hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco at Two Assessments, of which Sum They have actually levyed fifty one thousand nine hundred and forty four Pounds of Tobacco in the last Levy to repair, or rather rebuild the Old Court house with Brick Walls, and a New Roof; when five or Six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, as it's well known would have put it in better Repair for some years to come than it has been for some years past, and We humbly apprehend that the Justices levyed such a large sum to put it out of the Power of the People to obtain an Act of Assembly to remove the Court house from Marlborough to a more convenient Place. p. 327

And as the 20th of February was appointed by the Commiss^{rs} to agree with Workmen, We then waited on them with Reasons, which are here annexed, why they should not enter into any Contract, till the whole Affair should be laid before the Legislature, and yet the Commissioners declared they intended to contract, and they should have no Regard to the Opinion of the Freeholders, if there were Ten thousand of