

ously Scourged by his Order by the Hand of a Slave, and when, upon Complaint made to the Delegates of the People, whose Right and Duty it is to inquire into and present all Grievances of a Publick Nature we find the Sheriff refusing to pay Obedience to Our Process, and to avoid an Inquiry not only absenting himself from his County, where by the Duty of his Station he ought at all Times to be found, and amenable to Complaints, but even from the Province, we hope your Excellency will think us excusable if we feel and express some warmth of Resentment towards M^r Lee, and under these Circumstances we cannot but think it a Justice due to the Public that the said Richard Lee junior should be removed from his Office of Sheriff of Charles County as being unworthy of and unfit for so important a Trust, and we do earnestly request that your Excellency will be pleased to remove him.

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Rob^t Lloyd, Speaker

To the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly of the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of John Doncastle a Languishing Prisoner in Charles County Goal, Humbly Sheweth.

That your unfortunate Petitioner on the 5th day of November 1768 were delivered by Charles Somerset Smith Esq^r into the Goal of Richard Lee Esq^r Sheriff of Charles County and the House not finished and leaky in the Roof and so open that the Snow and Rain drove in and the Floor continually wet dropping down on our Beds and the Floor covered with Ice and our Beds and Bed Cloaths continually wet and frequently frozen Stiff that I could have broke my Bed Cloaths like Ice, we wrote to the Sheriff praying for Fire and let him know our Condition the answer was let me hear no needless Complaints. The Cold Winds blowing through the House and the snow driving on us and our Beds, in this Deplorable Condition we Continued till the 24th day of December then the sheriff sent in a Kettle to make a fire in but as there was no Chimney to vent the smoak but a hole in the Door eight Inches wide and Twelve Inches deep it is impossible to describe what we suffered with the Smoak yet we were obliged to bear it or be froze to Death as some of us were frost bit and all sick with a disorder in our Heads and Eyes occasioned by the Smoak and hardship we had suffered with wet and cold and continued in this deplorable Condition till the 27th day of February 1769. then a Runaway Negro belonging to Walter Stoddard who was attempting to break out of the Criminal Room and being discovered by a Negro Man the Sheriff came into the Goal and after he had Cursed and Abused all the Debtors in a cruel man-

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