

Lib. C. B. Sheweth That your Petitioners some time in the Month of
 No. 20 June last past made a Contract and Agreement with Robert
 Peter of George Town in the said Province Merchant for
 the Sale and Delivery of One hundred Tons of Pigg Iron for
 the Consideration of Five hundred and Twenty five Pounds
 Sterling Sixty Tons thereof to be delivered to the said Peters
 at Nanjemoy on the Maryland side of Potowmack River and
 the other forty Tons at George Town on the said River and in
 the aforesaid Province of Maryland.

That your Petitioners in Compliance with their said Con-
 tract afterwards in the same Month of June Shipped on Board
 the Sloop Nelly Sixty Tons of the said Iron to be delivered
 at Nanjemoy as aforesaid and Forty Tons on Board the
 Schooner Polly to be delivered at George Town as aforesaid.
 That the said Two Vessels were afterwards Seized in Potow-
 mack River with the said Pigg Iron on Board by Sir Thomas
 Adams Cap^t of the Boston Man of War and are now carried
 into the Colony of Virginia to be there tryed under the afore-
 said Seizure in the Court of Vice Admiralty there. That your
 Petitioners apprehend their Iron in the said Vessels is not
 liable to Seizure or Condemnation or to any Tryal in the Vice-
 Admiralty Courts of the said Colony of Virginia. That your
 Petitioners propose and intend to plead to the Jurisdiction of
 the Court of Vice Admiralty of the said Colony of Virginia.
 That your Petitioners are apprehensive that the Charter of
 the Province of Maryland under the Great Seal of England
 may be necessary for that purpose and therefore pray your
 Excellency to direct that the same may be delivered to your
 Petitioners for the purpose aforesaid or that your Excellency
 would make such further or other Order in the Premisses as
 to your Excellency shall seem necessary and expedient for the
 Relief of your Petitioners

And as in Duty bound they will pray &c.

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^t Lieutenant Governor
 and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Mary-
 land.

The Humble Petition of James Christie Jun^r of Baltimore
 County Merchant, Sheweth, That he is part Owner of a
 Schooner Vessel called the Polly of about thirty Tons Burthen
 that hath been employed for some time past in Trading up and
 down Chesapeak Bay from one part of the Province to another
 part of said Province. That the said Vessel being on her
 Voyage from Baltimore Town to George Town on Potow-
 mack in this Province loaded with Pigg Iron was lately seized
 in Potowmack River by Directions as your Petitioner believes