

Liber C D To the Right Hon.<sup>ble</sup> Charles absolute Lord and Prop.<sup>ry</sup> of  
 p. 222 Maryland &c.<sup>a</sup>  
 (fol. 269)

The Humble Petition of Richard Rawlins of Ann Arundell  
 County In most humble manner Sheweth

(fol. 270) That your Lordship's Petition.<sup>r</sup> did Some years Since Administer  
 upon the Goods and Chattells of John Venold of the Co.<sup>ty</sup> afores.<sup>d</sup>  
 late deceased who dyed without heir and left a Small Tract of  
 fifty acres of Land which Since his Death had been Seated and  
 possessed by your Lordship's Petition.<sup>r</sup> That yo<sup>r</sup> Lordship's Petition.<sup>r</sup>  
 understanding that the Said Land might in Some press of time  
 become your Lordship's by Escheat did humbly Supplicate yo.<sup>r</sup>  
 Lordship that in Case the s<sup>d</sup> Land Should be Escheated to your Lopp  
 your petitioner before any other person might have your Lordship's  
 Grant of the Same Considering he was already upon the Land and  
 was not a Little damnified by the Administracon of the Said de-  
 ceased's Estate.

That your Lordship upon your Petition.<sup>rs</sup> humble Supplication was  
 was pleased to vouchsafe your petitioner the Satisfaction of your  
 Lordship's word and promise that your pet.<sup>r</sup> Should have the refusall  
 of the Said Land before it Should be Granted or disposed of by  
 your Lordship to any other.

That there is one John Barker of the County aforesaid who Live-  
 ing upon a Certain Tract of Land near to adjoining to the S<sup>d</sup> 50  
 acres of Venall purposeth Suddenly to address himself to yo.<sup>r</sup> Ldp  
 for a Grant of the Same and thereby to frustrate and disappoint  
 the firm Trust and Confidence w.<sup>ch</sup> your Lordship's petitioner hath  
 all this time reposed in your Lordship's Gracious promise Vouchsafed  
 him as aforesaid

Wherefore your Lordship's petitioner humbly Craveth Leave to  
 put yo.<sup>r</sup> Lordship in mind of your Said word and promise & prayeth  
 your Lordship to Vouchsafe him your Lordship's Speciall warrant  
 for Resurvey of the Said Land in order to your Lordship's Granting  
 and Confirming the Same to your Petition.<sup>r</sup>

And yo.<sup>r</sup> Petition.<sup>r</sup> Shall Ever pray &c

At the foot of the foregoing Petition was thus written Viz.<sup>t</sup>  
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Let there be a Mandamus issued out of the Sec.<sup>rys</sup> office Con-  
 cerning the fifty acres of Land that was formerly Jn.<sup>o</sup> Venalls men-  
 tioned in the petition above  
 C Baltemore

To W.<sup>m</sup> Calvert Esq  
 Sec.<sup>ry</sup> of Maryland

March y.<sup>e</sup> 3.<sup>d</sup> 1679

Mandamus then issued to Richard Hill and Thomas Bland Gent  
 that by the Oaths of xij & they Enquire what Lands John Venolds  
 dyed Seized of in Ann Arundell County Returnable without delay