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PETITION FOR AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE TOWN OF SALISBURY, SOMERSET COUNTY, 1763

[THIS PETITION WHICH WAS PRESENTED IN THE LOWER HOUSE OCTOBER 22, 1763, AND THERE REJECTED, PRAYED THAT THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY PASSED IN 1732 FOR ERECTING A TOWN AT THE HEAD OF WICOMICO RIVER, SOMERSET COUNTY, AT HANDY'S OR CARR'S LANDING, ON FIFTEEN ACRES OF LAND LAID OUT IN TWENTY LOTS, CALLED SALISBURY, BE REPEALED AND A NEW ACT PASSED TO BE FRAMED BY THE PETITIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BETTER PROMOTING THE ADVANTAGES OF THE TOWN. THIS MATTER WILL BE FOUND DISCUSSED ON PAGE xxxiv.]

To The Hon.^{ble} Lower House of Assembly

The Humble Petition of many Inhabitants of Somerset County, Sheweth

That on or about the Year 1732 an Act of Assembly of this province passed Entituled An Act for the Erecting a Town at the Head of Wiccomoco River in Somerset for laying into Lots fifteen Acres of Land in the Fork thereof and at the Landing commonly now called Handy's or Carr's Landing by which Twenty Lots were laid out & a Town was erected & called Salisbury

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That although the said Town is very comodiously situated for Trade and Navigation very few Lots were taken up under the said Law it being thought insufficient through the Omission of several Clauses which are now deemed essentially necessary for many persons inclinable to purchase Lots in the said Town

That your Petitioners humbly conceive it would be of great Utility to all the Inhabitants in or near the said Town and to all persons trading to and from thence to have an Act passed by the Legislature to repeal the aforesaid Law and to have Leave given to your Petitioners to frame a new Bill particularly adapted for the Uses and purposes of the encreasing and promoting of the Advantages of the said Town

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honours will give Leave to bring in a Bill for the purposes aforesaid

And your Petitioners in Duty bound will pray

Joseph Hitch	Benjamin Hitch	David Gray ?
Charles Shockby	John Richardson	Levin Huffington
Peter Gordy	Wm. Parsons	George Collier ?
Eze: ^{ll} Humphriss	Wm. Mills	Rogger fillips
Smith Hath	W. M. Driskell	George Wilson