

Maryland Ss.^t On the 27th day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty eight came Absolom Butler before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices for Baltimore County and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that between the eleventh day of January One thousand seven hundred & sixty Eight and the Twenty fifth day [of the] same month and year, he Sat up true Coppies of the above [Advertise]ment at the following places in Baltimore County, viz.^t

At the Door of the Court House in Joppa
 At the Church Door of Saint Pauls Parrish
 At the Church Door of Saint Thomas's Parrish
 At the Church Door of Saint Johns Parrish
 At the Church Door of Saint Georges's Parish
 At the Door of the Chappell of Saint Georges's Parrish
 At the Door of the Chappell of Saint Johns Parrish
 At the House called Saint Thomas's Chappell in Saint
 Thomas's Parrish

Sworn before

Absalom Butler

Benjamin Rogers

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To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland, and, To the Honorable the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the said Province: The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Baltimore County, Humbly Sheweth,

That the present Court-House for Baltimore County, situate in Joppa, is considerably too small for transacting therein the Business of the County with Convenience, being the smallest in the Province:

That the same is greatly out of Repair, and the Offices thereof so confined, as not to admit of sufficient Regularity in ranging the Papers; and the whole Building is slight, and insecure for the Purpose of Keeping the Public Records, whereon the Estates of many of His Majesty's Subjects of this County, and elsewhere, depend; which are thereby, and from its lonesome Situation, exposed to the open Attempts of malicious ill-designing or wanton People being executed without Alarm.

That, the County-Jail, from its original ill Construction, has been a continual Expence to the County, and although large Quantities of the Public Tobacco have been frequently levied and expended thereon, hath always proved defective and insufficient to restrain the Attempts of Criminals and other Prisoners; great Numbers of whom have escaped to the Loss and Vexation of the Sheriffs and Suitors,