

that although the Town of Baltimore should be found not so central as Joppa, it cannot, as we humbly apprehend be an essential objection of Inconveniency, especially as we have the Example and Experience of our neighbouring Colonies, and of most of the Countries in the World to assure us of how little Weight such an Objection has always been held, when opposed to even much less Advantages than are above enumerated. ——— Your petitioners therefore humbly pray Your Excellency and Honours, will be pleased to take the premises into consideration and pass a Law for Disposing of the Ground and Materials of the present Court-House and Prison of this County, and for the Purchasing Ground, and Building a Court-House and Prison, for the said County, in the Town of Baltimore aforesaid, for the Courts for the said County to be held in the said Court-House, and that the same be directed to be made staunch and convenient, and well constructed against the Danger of Fire, as to Your Excellency and Honors shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[At the end of this printed petition form are the following tabulations in a contemporary hand, showing the number of signers to each of the several thirty seven consecutively numbered petitions favoring removal. These are tied together with contemporary red tape in one roll. The tabulation gives the number of signers as 2094, but a re-tally of the somewhat mutilated sheets reduces those that can be now counted to 2076. These are printed on pages 524-563. This roll is followed by four other printed petitions favoring removal, forming a separate series, which show a contemporary tabulation of 177 additional names. These are printed on pages 563-565. Only 118 signatures can now be counted on these four defective sheets. These two contemporary tabulations show a total of 2271 favoring removal. Of these only 2212 signatures can now be counted.]

N ^o 1	101	N ^o 17	31	
2	274	18	[23]	
3	40	19	[51]	
4	44	20	[15]	
5	19	21	[81]	
6	51	22	[23]	
7	52	23	[5]	
8	26	24	[5]	
9	24	25	[19]	[1605]
10	28	26	45	
11	62	27	2	
12	201	28	6	
13	62	29	88	
14	185	30	32	
15	88	31	76	
16	94	32	96	