

That the Town of Joppa is well supplied with Public Houses and Accomodations for all the Justices of the Peace and that Such Persons as depart from said Town at unseasonable Times and expose themselves to the Inclemency of the Weather chiefly chuse to do so to avoid the Expence arising from Lodging at Taverns by being entertain'd Gratis at some Neighbouring House so that the Business of said Court need not be retarded or late Meetings and early Ad-journments or Sickness need not arise from that Cause,

That the most Valueable part of the Lands are on the North East side of the great Falls of Gunpowder and the most Antient settlements made there and that some sort of difference ought to be Paid to the Descendants of the first settlers of said County and the Court House and Records (towards building the Former of which they contributed the largest Proportion and the Latter of which they are more deeply Interested in than a part later settled) Ought not to be removed in Justice at a Distance to remote for them with any Convenience to resort to the same.

That your Petitioners Humbly Apprehend that the design of Instituting Courts of Justice is that every Man Injured may have a speedy Redress for the Wrong sustained at as little Expence and delay and with as much Convenience as Possible that their Situation should be the most Convenient for Jurymen Witnesses Suitors and others having Business there to resort to it and be accomodated w.th Necessaries that none but Persons blinded by there Interest would endeavour a Removall of the Court House to promote the Foreign Trade of Baltemore Town to the Prejudice of a great Number of the most Antient and first settled Inhabitants who must be dragged there from distant Habitations for the sole purpose of leaving some of their Cash at Taverns &c^a to promote the Trade of said Place which in your Petitioners Humble opinions had better be Levied on them by way of Tax to support the Trade of said Town.

That great Part of the Inhabitants from Bush River Gunpowder Neck and the Pennsylvania Line live from Thirty to Fifty Miles distant from said Town and cannot return Home till the Expiration of said Courts and that in any Controversiall Suit for £10 or under Creditors had better resign all Pretentions to the Debt than Prosecute them at such an Expence as would be Exclusive of Loss of Time Thirty shillings as least p Term for bare Necessaries.

That many of the Jurors Suitors &c^a would be put to great Expence at Baltemore Town at Taverns whereas they are now near Joppa accomodated without any Expence at private Houses

That many reputable Inhabitants from a Scarcity of Cash pre-ailing among them and being Obliged to attend Courts at Baltemore Town and also unknown there may be put to great Distress on the Account of not being Trusted for Necessaries that this must be unavoidable the Case with poor Debtors.