

That many of the reputable Inhabitants of said County will not be able to procure Special Bale at such a remote Corner of the County unless they bring their Friends and Acquaintances Forty or Fifty miles and pay their Expences going and Coming and those who cannot so Procure them at an Immense Expence must be Committed to a Loathsome Goal.

That Joppa is more Central than Baltemore Town the latter being situated at one End of the County.

That your Petitioners Humbly conceive that the Suitors being engaged at such Times in persuit of their Private Affairs would often retard the Public Business and that Examples alledged from a Court House encreasing the Trade of a Town if true if they proved any thing would amount to this That In conveniences and Grievances of the highest Nature must be submitted to, to aggrandize and enrich a Place almost on the Verge of the County at the Expence and to the Impoverishment of all the Rest of it,

That your Petitioners Humbly conceive that Court Houses built at remote Corners of Counties thō in Towns have in every Government in America been Loudly complained of by the People aggrieved as being built for private Purposes or when Counties were small rather than for Public convenience and are so far from increasing the Foreign Trade of such Places in some Neighbouring Governments that others not having the same Advantages near them have equalled if not exceeded them in Trade and Size.

That your Petitioners Humbly conceive that the true Reason why Business is not carried on with that Dispatch at Joppa as it ought to be arises from the Multiplicity of it and that as the County now contains 8,256 Taxables it must Increase in Business so as it will be Impossible in a few Years to transact it at one Court House and thereby a Failure of Justice ensue that a Division of said County must be then unavoidably and your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that no removall of said Court House may be enacted to take place antecedant to a Division of said County but that it may remain in its present Situation and that your Excellency and Honours will appoint a Time when your Petitioners may be heard on said Petition by their Council.

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray.

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