

The Bill entitled An Act for abolishing June County Courts and for other Purposes therein mentioned Sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Chase and M.<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Thomas—They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they delivered the Bill

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 54  
Oct. 13

The Petition of John Clayton read a second Time and granted

Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition

The Petition of Thomas Harrison read a second Time and granted

Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Upon reading a second Time the Message from the Upper House of the 6:<sup>th</sup> Instant the following Paper was produced by a Member of this House, which was said to be the Copy of a Petition preferred to the Upper House the last Session of Assembly and taken at the Request of One of the Members of this House, by M.<sup>r</sup> William Hutchings

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To his Excellency Robert Eden Esquire Governor of Maryland and the Honourable the Upper House of Assembly of the said Province

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Baltimore County humbly sheweth

That a Petition having been preferred to the present General Assembly signed by a certain John Paca, Thomas Cockey Deye and six others the particular Dependants and Adherents of the said John Paca and Thomas Cockey Deye, asserting and alledging that from the raging of the Small Pox in the Town of Baltimore a Majority of the Freeholders in the said County will be prevented from attending and voting at the Election, if held in Baltimore Town, and praying that the said Election might be held in Part at the Town of Joppa. Which Petition being by your Honourable House referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly was there read and rejected upon the Principal adopted by that Honourable House That in all Petitions relating to Elections the Consideration of the same doth solely appertain to that Branch of the Legislature That after the said Petition was so read and rejected a Motion was made and Leave given to bring in a Bill for holding the Election in Part at Joppa—Your Petitioners in Justice to themselves as well as many others the Inhabitants of Baltimore County think themselves bound in Duty to remonstrate to your Excellency and Honours against the Passage of a Bill so extraordinary in its Nature and which appears calculated only to answer the private Purposes of a few Individuals without any Benefit arising therefrom to the Public. To prove the Falsity of the Allegations contained in the Preamble of the said Bill your Petitioners beg Leave to refer to Depositions of the Witnesses hereto annexed—And as the said