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To the Hon Governo<sup>r</sup> & Councill of the Province of Maryland

Henry Bartholomew & John Browne Inhabitants of Salem in New England with all due respects desires to p<sup>r</sup>sent & leave to yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> consideracon

That whereas itt hath pleased the great & righteous God to permit that the violence of a distemper was so farr prevalent as to occasion James Browne sometymes an Inhabitant of Caecil County in the Province aforesaid as some say to be accessory unto his owne death, the which in itt selfe as itt is very sad, so upon every fresh remembrance is very grievous & heavy unto us & others of his neer & deer relacons, doe therefore hope that upon yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> serious consideracon of the p<sup>r</sup>misses you will be pleased so to order as that itt may not be made yet more heavy & grievous unto us by detaining or proceeding not according to equity & Justice And first we desire to acquaint you, that whereas by yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> direcccon we were commended to a person for advice in order to our proceed in the case, we have accordingly so done, & from him had good encouragem<sup>t</sup> as to the equity of our cause, yet was not willing on our behalfe to undertake itt, whereby our proceed in order to an issue is hindered, so that att p<sup>r</sup>sent we know no better way then to p<sup>r</sup>sent & leave itt to yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> first we desire to reminde yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> that you will be pleased to consider the Coroner who is better known unto you then unto us, & whether he might not from selfe respects seek to ingratiate himself by procureing such a verdict from the Jury, which verdict if yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> please to weigh & consider seemeth to us to be inconsistent with truth the ground of our apprehension is, because that in their Oath they say, he was himselfe alone & yet tooke a pistoll in his right hand charged as they say & sett itt to his forehead & so feloniously murdered himselfe Moreover the most of the Jury that we have spoken with doe affirme that they never tooke such an Oath. Next we desire to reminde yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> concerning the plantacon which was settled in ffarley, that itt may be considered upon what ground itt was taken away; all the ground we finde for so doeing is, that there was an informacon given that itt was surreptitiously taken upp by Cap<sup>t</sup> Howell But if yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> please to have the Records Searcht, we doubt not but you will finde that there was a due & true right to the land from the first Prop<sup>rs</sup> & so by Conveyance to Captaine Howell & from him to James Browne Now if there were any thing omitted in the entrance of these Conveyances from one to another by any Officer of yours, if so itt shall appeare we entreat yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> we may not suffer thereby Moreover we desire yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> to consider that my Lord hath not only given a grant for Resurvey of all the land belonging to James Browne, wherein this ffarley is included, but accordingly itt was by order Surveyed & returne made & entred in the Record, by all which we