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Proceedings before his Excy the Lord Seymour Esq, Capt. Genl and Governour in Chief in and over the Majesty's province of Maryland: Keeper of the Great Seal and Vice Admiral of the Province. in
Who in this Case Associated to himself Major Genl in Command Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty and one of the Majesty's Honble Council of the Province in behalf of Margaret Mnamara
Agst Thos Mnamara her husband.

The Petition of the said Margaret being read as followeth To his Excy the Lord Seymour Esq, Capt. Genl and Governour of Maryland: &c. VV
The humble petition of Margaret Mnamara the unfortunate wife of Thos Mnamara

That Yr Petitioner having heretofore been of absolute necessity constrained, After much patience to look upon from Yr Excy Agst the first Barbarous and Inhuman usage of an Unnatural Husband towards her is now once more compelled by his continued Intolerable Rigours, Severities and Unchristian Dealing, daily Manifested to Yr World, not only by Threats sufficient out from a Man of his ungovernable Temper to fight on a poor helpless Woman out of her Life, but also by Merciless Stripes, the most Scurrilous language in becoming a Man, tyrannical haughty Dominating carriage too low to be up even to stand and baffle with (she durst to name it) in the use whereof his Inefficiency in preservation Dictates the Danger of Commerce to him, to Implore Yr Excy's protection from his Barbarity, and inasmuch as it is evident that there is no safety for Yr Petitioner under the same roof with him, he having frequently in his cruel Raptures exclaimed Agst himself for not making away with Yr poor petitioner she most humbly prays that Yr Excy will please to use such proper measures as shall upon the exigencies and Request convenient for the preservation of Yr poor petitioner's Life Agst his so Barbarous assaults, and that she may be permitted to Live separate from him, and be obliged to allow her such reasonable Maintenance as to Yr Excy upon consideration of his circumstances shall be thought proportionable therunto And Yr Good Security be Given for performance of what Yr Excy shall think fitt to Order in this premises, Agst Yr petitioner may be said of being left destitute of any support from him and her poor Childing left to the Mercy of the County which she hopes Yr Excy will prevent.

And she will pray
Yr poor petitioner farther prays that she may be allowed to Deliver her Children and other little necessities being so shipped that she can not otherwise to shift her self
Margaret Mnamara

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