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To turn them away nor was I of ability to afford them such Entertainment as Travellers required to refresh themselves when travelling, sum wherefore being my Oppression offered me Satisfaction for their Entertainment and I being a desperate and unlearned man and not knowing the Law was ignorant that I did transgress or act contrary to Law in Sodoming and some malanglise of this my ignorance have Informed against me and I am in danger of being dammified humbly crave of your Worships that you would take it into your wise consideration and be Ease in your wise Judgment against me for Committing so Ignorant a transgression and Since being better informed humbly crave a Synece that so I may comply with the Law for the future and hoping your worships will Judge Charitably and Ease the burthen of your Petitioner who as no duty bound shall ever pray

Thomas Mumford

The Petition above being Read and heard and the premises Considered. It's thereupon Ordered by the Court that the Said Thomas Mumford have Liberty to Keey an Ordinary or house of Entertainment for the Benefit of all Travellers that have any Occasion to pass along that way, his first giving Security to Comply with an act of Assembly of this Province now in force, Entituled an act for the Regulating of Ordinarys, and for the better Regulating of Ordinary Keepers or Inholders within this Province &c

Whereupon the Said Thomas Mumford together with John Atkinson and Abraham Smith all of Somerset County (Security present in Court acknowledged themselves Indebted unto the Honourable the Lord Proprietor of this Province his Heirs and Successors in the sum of twenty pounds Sterling Doulty and Severalty on their body's good affable hands or tenements to be levied for the use of the Said Lord Proprietor his Heirs and Successors In case the Said Thomas Mumford do not in Every respect Comply with the afo' Act of Assembly in Relation to Ordinary Keepers or Inholders, and also to pay unto the Honourable Gentleman Loyde Esq; the Deputy Secretary of the Province of Maryland or his Order the sum of five hundred pounds, of toto & Year for Every Year he shall keep such Ordinary or house of Entertainment &c

James Burnett
Petⁿ -

To the worshipfull Justies of the peace of Somerset County the humble petition of James Burnett - Sheweth that your worship was pleased at Novem. last last past to grant unto Esther Taylor widdow the sum of three thousand pounds of toto and she being since dec'd your humble Petitioner being the person that was at great Charge on her and when living pray that your worshipps to give him Orders for the recovering the said Tobacco and your humble Petitioner shall be ever bound to pay as witness my hand James F Burnett

The petition above being Read and heard and the premises Considered. It's thereupon Ordered by the Court that the Said three thousand pounds of toto formerly allowed the afo' Esther Taylor be paid by the Sherif of Somerset County unto the afo' James Burnett &c