

At the Court held at the City of New York
the 21st day of March Anno Domini 1683

His Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary

the honble } Major Nicholas Sewall }
 } W. John Purnell }

By John Richardson a Petitioner viz
To the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and his Honble Council

The humble petition of John Richardson of Durham Co.
Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner and one Francis Whitwell of the
same County (not knowing but that the said Durham County was within
the Government of New York) Obtained Warrants and had Surveyed and
laid out for them in the said County under the Government of New York
aforesaid Two thousand Acres of Land called Mill Range and obtained
a Grant for the same from the Governor of New York aforesaid, that the
said Whitwell will not believe that the said County is within this your
Lordship's Province and therefore hath not nor will not sue to your Lordship
for a Grant for the said Two Thousand Acres of Land but doth refuse
to Join with your Petitioner therein, alleging that he is secure in his Title
from New York; that your Petitioner being assured that the same County
is within this Province, and desirous to enjoy what Land he hath there
under your Lordship doth humbly pray

That a Special Warrant may be granted him to have Surveyed
and laid out in his own Name the said two Thousand Acres of Land
and that upon the Return of the Certificate of Survey thereof your Petitioner
making good Rights for the same within twelve months after he may have
a Grant for the same to him and his Heirs for ever

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Ordered that Special Warrant issue to the Surveyor General of this prov.
or his Deputy to Survey and lay out for and in the Name of the Petitioner
the said Tract of Two Thousand Acres in the Petition mentioned according
to the true Ancient Meas and Bounds thereof giving Notice thereof to
the said Francis Whitwell of such his Warrant before he Execute the same
Certificate thereof to be returned to his Lordship and Council with all
Conveniens speed for further Consideration by Answer to the Petition