

Maryland

Ephraim and
Gaspardus Herman
Ephraim Herman
Johannes de Hayes

To the right Honble the Lord Proprietor and
his Honble Council

The Humble Petition of Ephraim, Gaspardus Herman and of
Ephraim Herman and Johannes de Hayes of Delaware River,
Petition

Most Humbly sheweth.

That your petitioners Ephraim and
Gaspardus Herman have granted unto them by Letters patents from his
Royall Highness's Government of New York a Tract of Land for Six Hundred
Acres lying on Delaware Bay side between Opequimus and St. Cluivie
Creek together with the Swamps and Marshes therein and therunto contiguous
and your petitioners Ephraim Herman and Johannes de Hayes by Letters
patents as aforesaid a Tract of Land for four hundred Acres lying in
Opequimus Creek at the old Landing it may be made appear to your
Lordship.

That your petitioners being since informed and now made
sensible that the Premises and every Part thereof is within the Bounds
of this your Lordships Province of Maryland, do with all Humility acknow-
ledge and Submit to your Lordships right and Dominion of and in therunto
and do most Humbly pray for the Strengthening and Confirming of their
equitable Right and Title to the said Two Tracts in manner aforesaid by them at
their great Costs and Charges Seated and Improved, that your Lordship
would most graciously please to accept such their Obedient Acknowledg-
ment and Submission as aforesaid by taking them into your protection and
granting them your Lordships patents of Confirmation for the said Two
Tracts in Manner aforesaid according to the Tenor of their said Grants from
the said Government of New York. They in Consideration thereof
Complying with your Lordships Conditions of Plantation now in force
within this your said Province, and being obedient to the Laws Customs
and orders of the same, to the great Encouragement of other persons under
the same Circumstances Desirous to become Humble Suitors to your
Lordship on this Behalf.

And as in duty Bound y^r Pet^r: shall ever praye &c.

Signed ... Eph. Herman

In Behalf of Johan. de Hayes & Gasp. Herman.

The petitioners Complying with his Lordships Conditions
of Plantation in force within this Province may have patents granted
them as is prayed being hereby Confirmed unto them and ordered that
no other person or persons whatsoever having less equitable Right than
the petitioners be admitted to sue for the same or have any grant thereof from
his Lordship by means of any private or clandestine Suit or otherwise
endeavouring to surprise his Lordship, In which Cases all such Grants to
be of themselves Void

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