

Maryland To the right Honble the Lord Proprietor and his Honble Council

The Humble petition of Peter Byard of Delaware River Most Humbly sheweth

Peter Byard's Petition

That your petitioner by Letters Patent from his Royall Highnesses Government of New York hath granted unto him a parcell of land being several Hummocks or small Islands in a Marsh at the mouth of Delaware River, and bounded on the East with Delaware River and Bay on the South and West with Duck Creek and on the North with Thorough Fair Creek, together with the Swamps and Marshes therein and therunto adjoining Containing and laid out for Eight Hundred Acres as may be made appear to your Lordships said Land and other the parts of the said River up to the Degree of Forty Northern Latitude (your Petitioner is informed, and hath been made sensible) falls within the Bounds of this your Lordships Province of Maryland according to your Lordships Charter granted by his late Majesty to your Lordships late father Cecilius etc. of noble memory

Your petitioner in full Assurance and confidence thereof is most ready and willing to acknowledge and Submit to your Lordships right and Dominion therunto, and most humbly prays your Lordships acceptance thereof, and to be received into your protection and Government, And that your Lordships considering his equitable Right to the premises will graciously please to grant him your Lordships Letters Patent of Confirmation thereof according to the Tenor of his said Grant from the said Government of New York upon such Conditions and Terms as your Lordships Conditions of Plantations of this Province of Maryland have prescribed and set forth. Your petitioner in order therunto and that he may have and enjoy the same, and what else he may justly and lawfully acquire within your Lordships Province and Government as an Estate of Fee Simple having humbly supplicated your Lordship and Two Houses of Assembly now sitting for his Naturalization and to be admitted and Taken in all Respects as a naturall Born person of this Province, or as one of Brittish or Irish Descent

And as a duty bound he shall praye Signed E. H. Herman in behalf of Peter Byard

Order for paid His Lordship in Testimony of his acceptance of the Acknowledgment of the petitioner hath granted and it is this day ordered in Council that the petitioner do duly complying with his Lordships Conditions of Plantations now in force within this Province or giving such other Satisfaction as to his Lordship shall seem most

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