

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of Captain William  
Clyborne on the behalf of himself and Partners

Sheweth

That the Petitioners by virtue of a Commission  
under your Majesty's hand and Signett hereunto annexed  
diven your past discovery and did then plant upon an Island  
in the Great Bay of Chesapeake in Virginia by them named  
the Isle of Kent which they bought of the Kings of that Country  
and built houses transported Cattle and setted People  
thereon to their very Great Costs and Charges which the Lord  
Baltimore taking Notice of and the Great hopes for trade of  
Beavers and other Commodities like to Enue by the Petitioners  
discovery hath since Obtained a Patent from your Majesty  
Comprehending the said Island with the Limits thereof and  
sought thereby to dispossess the Petitioners thereof and debar  
them of their discovery and hopeful trade for Beavers Com-  
plaint thereof being made your Majesty was Graciously plea-  
sed to signify your Royal Pleasure by a Letter from under your  
Majestys hand and signet imitating therein that  
was contrary to Justice and the true intent of your Majesty's  
Grant to the said Lord Baltimore that notwithstanding the said  
Patent the Petitioners should have freedom of Trade  
Enjoy the same therein requiring the Governour and all others  
in Virginia to be aiding and assisting unto them prohibiting  
the Lord Baltimore and all other pretenders him to  
offer them any violence or to disturb or molest them in their  
& Plantation as by your Majesty's said Letter  
Annexed Appereth since which be it your  
Majestys said Royal Pleasure hath been made known to the  
Governour of Virginia who slighted the same