

At a Council held at John Bakers house at City of
Mary the 24th Day of October in the 3rd year of the
Dominion of the R^{oy} Hon^{ble} Charles the Anno^o Domini 1678.

Thomas Notley Esq^r: Govern^r:
Philip Talbot Esq^r: Chaunc^r:
William Talbot Esq^r: Secy:
The Hon^{ble}:
Baker Brooke Esq^r: Juny: Gen:
Lt Col: Thomas Tallor
Col: Henry Courty
Majo: Benjamin Rorr

Where came before them Robert Leshley and Elizabeth his wife
according to appointment by reason of a Petition exhibited to the
Robert to the Govern^r: and the Govern^r:s warrant ther^e upon dated
the 5th instant, w^{ch} said Petition & warrant fo^low in ord^r: w^{ch}

Very Hon^{ble}: Thomas Notley Esq^r: Lt Gov^r: & Chief
Govern^r: of Maryland
The humble Petition of Robert Leshley

Humbly sheweth

That yo^r: Petitioner's wife being a woman of an Implacable turbulent
spirit has at severall times unjustly & wrongfully made Divers
complaints and Accusations against yo^r: Pet^r: before severall of his
Esps: Justices of the peace of Calvert County but finding they
took not the effect she hoped for and that her designe of procuring
a considerable part of yo^r: Pet^r:s Estate to be allowed her for a
maintenance with which she might live at her pleasure where she
liked and quiet her family and concerns of yo^r: Pet^r: was
wholly frustrated, she hath since very falsely injuriously & maliciously
accused yo^r: Pet^r: of Buggery to the great scandall & irreparable
prejudice of yo^r: Pet^r:s credit and reputation w^{ch} he doth & always
shall esteem of greater price & value then his life.

Wherefore yo^r: Petitioner humbly prayeth that yo^r: Hono^r: will be
graciously pleased to grant him a Warrant that she may be brought
before yo^r: Hono^r: and her complaints & accusations against yo^r: Pet^r:
heard and Examined before yo^r: Hono^r: where by yo^r: Pet^r: may purge
and clear himself of that grievous scandall cast upon him
and that for the future he may live more peaceably & comfortably
either with his said Wife or by allowing her such a maintenance
as yo^r: Hono^r: shall ord^r: and Command

And as in Duty bound he shall ever pray &c.

The Govern^r:s warrant ther^e upon was endorsed on y^e back Sid^e: of the
Petition and is as fo^loweth

The matter alladged by the Pet^r: being of more then Ordinary
concerne, is committ^d & sent to y^e Examination of my self and the
Lopp^s: Council, and doth hereby will & require you James Rumsy that
you apprehend Elizabeth Leshley the Pet^r:s wife and have her Body