

By Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Nolley Esq<sup>r</sup> Ch<sup>ief</sup> Gov<sup>er</sup>no<sup>r</sup> and  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council  
The humble Petition of Francis Lucas of St. Maries  
County Widow.

Sheweth

That yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> husband dyed about 3 years since, and that since his  
Decease yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> hath bin compelled to satisfy his Debts w<sup>ch</sup> amounted  
to more then 1/2 Effects of his Estate, that yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> hath two Children  
One which of a girl about eleven years of Age is a cripple and goes  
on her hands and knees, and yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> being a very poor woman and  
nothing to maintain her self and Children withall doth humbly request  
som<sup>e</sup> allowance out of the Publick for maintenance of yo<sup>r</sup> said h<sup>er</sup> self and  
crippled Child And as in Duty bound she shall pray &c.

Whereupon Ordered viz

By Gov<sup>er</sup>no<sup>r</sup> & Council  
Octob<sup>r</sup>: 26<sup>th</sup> 1678.

This Petition is referred to the Consideration of the Justices of St.  
Maries County Court who are desired duly to consider the necessity  
and indigency of the Pet<sup>r</sup> for as to award her a charitable and  
compassionate maintenance out of the County Levy.

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At a Council held at Manahowick Neck Wednesday the  
Eighth Day of January in the fourth year of the Dominion of His  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles 2<sup>d</sup> over this Province Annoq<sup>ue</sup> Domini 1678.

By His Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Prop<sup>rietary</sup>

Thomas Nolley Esq<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>er</sup>no<sup>r</sup>  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Secy  
Baker Brook Esq<sup>r</sup> Survey<sup>or</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

Ordered that Proclamation issue forth for calling in of all such  
Guns & other Amunitions, provisions, &c. as have bin provided for the  
Service and yet remain in the hands of private persons, to the end y<sup>e</sup> same  
may be secured in the hands of the Com<sup>missioners</sup> of each & severall County for the  
proper use and Service of the Country, According to the request of the  
last Assembly. Which Proclamation accordingly issued forth is as followeth

By His Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Prop<sup>rietary</sup>  
A Proclamation

Whereas

Whereas at a Generall Assembly begun & held at Our City of St. Maries  
on the Twentieth Day of October last past & ther<sup>e</sup> continued until the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Day of November following amongst other things it was taken into consideration