

To His Excellency Lionel Sopley Esq. Captain General and Chief
Governor of their Majesties Province and Territory of Maryland
and the honourable Council

The Petition of William Parker late high Sheriff of Calvert County
Submissively sheweth

That your Petitioner by Virtue of his Office, and in Confidence of
being continued therein according to the General known Practice of the Government
of this Province, and as other Sheriffs have heretofore usually been, hath disbursed
expended and assumed upon himself to pay and satisfy several Sums and parcels
of Tobacco amounting to a very considerable Quantity of near seventy thousand
pounds, whereof he hath not collected or received above two or three and twenty
thousand, the rest of your Petitioners dues in the said County lying still out dispoised
in small Parcels, and your Petitioner suspended and removed from executing
the said Office, and consequently rendered incapable of ever collecting the
same, whereby to reimburse himself what he hath really and bona fide laid
out & as of to his great Loss Damage and almost Utter Ruin unless relieved
by your Excellency according to your gracious and favourable Promise
heretofore given your Petitioner which he makes bold and presumes now
to put your Excellency in mind of, and humbly moves your Excellency that
if there be at present any Room for your Exc.^{ty} to extend your favours by way
of any Place of Trust and Profit; Your Petitioner may be the Object of your
Consideration or otherwise that your gracious Inclination towards your
Petitioner may in perpetuam rei memoriam be entred upon Record to
be made good when Occasion shall present, and such Methods taken in
the mean time for the securing collecting and receiving your Petitioners
Parcels and publick dues in the said County as to your Excellency and your
Honours shall seem meet and convenient

And as in Duty bound shall pray &c

Ordered that Major Ninian Beale Successor to the said William
Parker in the Office of high Sheriff of Calvert County do collect & receive
the Petitioners Parcels and publick dues in the said County without any
Charge to the Petitioner

His Excellency produced and ordered to be read to the Board these
following Letters he had lately received from Ann Arundel County (Viz^t)

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