

As such your petitioners in particular of one Hill<sup>m</sup>. Tich  
 of the same County in the County but so it is that the  
 Agents of the right humble the Lord Proprietary of this  
 Province pretending that the said Lands are Exhausted  
 to his said Lordship have entered into the said Lands &  
 the Tenements therein standing & kept the same against  
 your petitioners & the your petitioners.....  
 ..... that a tenant in possession of the premises  
 on behalf of your petitioners whereby your petitioners are  
 utterly deprived of their Estate in the same Lands & Ten-  
 ements & that without just or legal Title at Law

The premises considered your petitioners humbly  
 pray they may be restored to the possession of their Lands  
 by such means as the Law directs until the right in Law  
 shall be judicially determined

And they shall ever pray &c<sup>as</sup>

Col<sup>l</sup> Darnall gives his answer in writing thus  
 viz that the Land mentioned in the petition was given  
 out by his Lordship in England to Mr Charles Carroll  
 further the said Colonel Darnall endorsed thus upon the  
 back of the said petition viz upon debate of this petition  
 his Excellency doubting by what right his Lordship  
 the said Baltimore Claimed Escheats in this Province &  
 Answer being made by the Agent of the Lord Baltimore  
 that his Lordship claimed the same by virtue of his  
 Charter & his Excellency desiring that an Exemplifica-  
 tion of the Charter be produced & there being now none  
 in the Province his Lordships Agent humbly craves time  
 to send for one to give his Exc<sup>l</sup> Satisfaction & in the mean  
 time prays to forbear executing any thing further  
 relating to the point wherein his Exc<sup>l</sup> wants Satisfaction

Hen Darnall