

To the Honorable Charles Calvert Esq. Secretary and
Governor of the Province of Maryland and to
his Soudships Council

The humble Representation of the Factors
of Jonathan Forward

Humbly Sheweth

That your humble Petitioners beg Leave
to inform your Honours that whereas your Employer
Mr. Jonathan Forward of London Merchant having
Contracted with the Government of England for the
Transportation of Convicted Persons and Felons to this
or any other of his Majesty's Plantations in America
and then to Land them as of his Bond Given to the
Government to that intent and also to make Sale of them
to his most Advantage having by said Order of transfer
a Right and Property in their Service here for such Res-
pective term of years as of an Act of Parliament made
in the 4th Year of his now Majesty's reign may more at
large appear, Pursuant to the foresaid Contract and
Authority by Act of Parliament the said Jonathan Forward
sending a Certain Number of them in two Ships which
being arrived in this Province at this Port of Annapolis
Assigned to your Petitioners and others the said Forwards
Factors here were by said Factors according to Law repor-
ted to the Naval Officer of said Port which fully Accom-
plishes the Bond aforesaid Given by said Forward
to that purpose

Your Petitioners humbly beg Leave to inform
your Honours that we the said Forwards Agents are
in Effect denied the Benefit of the Property proposed