

no ways to be charged to your Petitioners. Therefore your Petitioners humbly beg leave to refer the Premises to your Excellency, as also to mention that there being several Persons of your Province well educated, capable as others and willing to serve the Right honourable the Gov. Proprietary in the Station of Magistrates, they humbly presume to hope one or more of them, as your Excellency's Wisdom shall seem meet may by your Excellency be appointed, your said Petitioners being all Naturalized agreeable to the Act of Parliament made and provided in their said Law. And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall pray. Do.

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William Lobley	Jacob Bowl	John Pauer	Moses League
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Samuel Apperson	Andrew Garing	Abraham Gubdel	Amos Mathery
Nicholas Kanner	John Frink	William Hoffman	John Lewis Wittenberger
William Laans	Philip Grace	Daniel Barnett	Mathias Bersheb
Christ. Koenneberger	Fred. Meyer	Christ. Neis	Adam Brandt
Philip Heishuh	Peter Kinner	Anthony Kinkle	George Shacks
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Conradt Smith	Christian Washey	Jacob Roeh	

To His Excellency the Governor

The Petition of several the Principal Inhabitants of Middle River Upper and Lower Hundreds in Baltimore County. Most humbly Sheweth to your Excellency

That your Petitioners owing to the want of Magistrates in their Extensive Neighbourhood, are therefore at a great Trouble and considerable Expence, to procure such Transactions being done before them as the Law directs, your Petitioners being under an absolute Necessity in such Cases or when having any Controversy among themselves, to make Journeys to Baltimore Town, and to pay to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nicholas Ruxton Gay, Benjamin Rogge, and William Lisauith such Fees they are pleased to exact and extort from your Petitioners, to wit as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> for the signing a Search Warrant or Warrant of the Peace from Eighteen pence to two Shillings, for Certificates of no Tobacco being made three pence for signing Proofs of Accounts on Notes and Bonds Six pence for Certificates of Extrays two Shillings, Burning Squirrel Scalps one out of four equal to three pence, and for the signing or taking acknowledgements on Deeds two Shillings in Lieu of one, the only Fee allowed to his Lordships Justices by the Law of this Province, the others being unprecedented Exactions grievous to your Petitioners and humbly apprehend reflecting on the good Rule and Dignity of Government.

Your Petitioners furthermore beg leave to inform your Excellency, There being in your Petitioners Neighbourhood gentlemen as well Descended as well Educated and as Capable as any the Commission of the Peace, to serve his Lordship as Magistrates willing to transact Public and private affairs without Fee or Reward, they humbly pray one or more of them be appointed for their Relief in the Premises.

Your Petitioners furthermore beg to be indulged, and to recommend to your Excellency Favour <sup>John</sup> William Bond who has heretofore served in the Station aforesaid with Diligence and with general applause, but being through Infirmities rendered incapable to Act, they

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