

To his Excellency Nath: Blakelock Esq: Gov: of the Province
 in Charge in and over his Majesty's Province of Maryland, and
 his Majesty's Hono: Council and House of Delegates

The petition of John Needles and Eliz: his
 Wife and John Sherwood and Mary his wife
 And of Mary Man Spinkes all of Talbot County
 Humbly sheweth

That a certain Edward Man late of Talbot County Gent: Father of y^e said
 Eliz: and Mary: in his life time with his own hands did draw certain
 writing (as appears by the Contents being well knowne to many persons
 of undoubted Credit) in form of a Testam^t or Codicill which is not knowne
 to have been altered or revoked by any latter Will or Testam^t or Words
 or Speeches; Yett the same was never Witnessed: However it is Registered
 in the Commissioners Office: To avail soe much as in Law it may; by which
 writing he did dispose of his Estate both Reall and Personall; And among
 other things did Appoint and order Eleven hundred and forty acres of Land
 at Wington to be Equally divided betwene his Daughters your petitioners
 aforementioned by the Judgm^t and Direction of certain M^r Thomas Smithson
 and M^r Edward Pollard: as by the said Writing herewith humbly offered
 Relation being thereunto had) it doth appear and further by the said
 doth appoint and order his Daughter Anne Darby to have like proportion
 in Land out of the four Parts he bought of M^r John Pitts And his Son
 John to have Three hundred acres of Land out of the Parts he had of M^r
 Pitts: To be allotted by the said M^r Smithson and M^r Pollard if he shall see
 to Sell in the Country: To be delivered at demand: If in case he dye
 Issue And his (that if the said Edward Man) Land in Eng^d should descend to
 his Daughter Darby then after the Death of his Wife his Land he then lived on
 to be Equally divided betwixt the three younger Daughters your petitioners
 aforesaid: Since which time his Son John dyed in Eng^d: and left a Widow an
 one Child as your petitioners are most certainly informed: being at y^e time
 by computation not two years and here to all the said Land in case he
 said Writing be not Allowed as a Will: and here also to y^e Land in Eng^d:
 your pet^r: humbly offers to the Consideration of this Gen: Assembly: that
 the intention of the said Edward Man about disposing of his Land
 the said Writing manifestly and Prosperiously appear; and that
 it appears is very just and Reasonable: And that except