

your Petitioners Creditors are delayed his own Credit impaired & in fine his Sob^o left on his Hands all the year so that he is damnified for want of speedier Returns both in providing for his publick Entertainment & loss of his Sob^o to his total Ruin & disabling without speedy Redress which your Petitioner humbly conceives may be thus effected that after Execution signed as afo^r your Petitioner may have the Liberty to choose in every County such men as he can confide in, & that they may be impowered for the receiving his Debts so that he may thereby have his Sobacco by times in the year whereby he may be in Capacity to provide for the year ensuing.

Your Petitioner also humbly craves of your Honours that he may have six Acres of Land of the one hundred Acres he lives upon confirmed to him & his Will for fifty one years where he may build without any Charge to the Country to his use & he will inclose the same

Your Petitioner further saith that without such Redresses as afo^r he is totally disabled from keeping ordinary. Which Premises considered your Petitioner humbly throws himself upon y^r Honours for such Redress as to your Honours may seem meet that his publick Design may be encouraged & not languish

And he shall pray &c.

Upon reading of which Petition this House do conceive that W^m Smith may have a Lease for three Acres of the Country's Land for 31 Years to him & his Executors laid out in such part as the Governour shall think fit & that the rest of the Petition is unreasonable

John Gittings Clk

The Lower House do consent that W^m Smith may have three Acres of the Country's Land for one & thirty Years to him & his Executors to be laid out by the Governour provided that Smith & his Executors be obliged to build a new House thereon at his own Costs & Charges & keep ordinary therein for the Country's Service & for the Entertainment of all Persons whatsoever attending Provincial Courts & Assemblies or upon their other necessary Occasions at other times as to the rest of the said Smith's Petition this House concurs with the Upper House

W^m Bretton Clk.

Ordered that in pursuance of the said Petition & orders of both Houses that the Governour cause to lay out three Acres of the Country's Land for the said Smith

Jⁿ Gittings

Was read the Petition of Henry Adams high Sheriff of Charles County as followeth—

To the honorable Governour & Council & Burgesses now Assembled

The humble Petition of Henry Adams high Sheriff of Chas. County Humbly sheweth— That whereas your Petitioner had by Law due unto