

Humbly request his Lordship will be pleased to send such Officers as his Lordship shall think fit to search the said Ship and make Seizure of the said Skins, and if his Lordship shall see Cause the said Warrants the Commander his Doctor and Boatswaine, or any others to appear before his Lordship to discover the truth of the matter aforesaid

Signed P. Order Tho Grunwin C of the Lower house.

His Lordship in Presence signifying his Consent this house return answer as followeth Viz: His Lordship will command the Ship to be searched, and if any Skins found Seizure to be made accordingly as desired

Signed P. Order John Hewellin C of the Assembly

Which together with the Three foregoing Bills passed this house this Day Sent to the Lower house P. Coll Stevens; Coll Stevens returns from the Lower house

To the Honourable the Lord Proprietary of Maryland, and to the Honourable and Worshipfull the Upper & Lower houses of this Assembly

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Calvert County

Humbly Sheweth

That whereas your Lordship in the year of our Lord 1669 did sett forth your Lordships Proclamation commanding that convenient Places in every County within this Province should be laid out for Towns for the encouragement of Trade within this Province, upon which Proclamation one William Berry of Battle Creek in Calvert County did apply himself to your Lordship & humbly besought your Lordship that Twenty acres of Land part of a Tract of Land Belonging to him the said William at Battle Creek aforesaid might be appointed for... Townland for that part of the said County, and did then promise to your Lordship that he would convey and settle the same as your Lordship should Direct for the use and to the intent aforesaid, Whereupon your Lordship did by a Warrant under your hand and Seal command Charles Boteler the then Deputy Surveyor of the said County to Survey and lay out such Land as Wm Berry should bestow for the use of the County to the intent aforesaid as by the said Warrant hereunto annexed more at large appeareth, which Command of your Lordships being performed by the said Deputy Surveyor in the presence and by the Advice of the said William Berry, Several Inhabitants of the said County being thereto encouraged by your Lordship and in confidence of the Performance of the said promise of William Berry made as aforesaid did Build & erect Several Dwelling houses and Store houses upon the said Twenty acres of Land and from that time have continually Resided there, and also the Commissioners of the said County finding the said Townland to be in the Centre of the said County and the most convenient place for holding the Courts for the said County, did order and appoint the Court house and Prisons to be Built upon the same, which being finished to the Charge of the said County Two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco, and the said William Berry now finding the said Land to be much improved as well by the Buildings aforesaid as also that the Creek aforesaid is grown a considerable place of Trade by reason of the great Resort of the Inhabitants of the said County to this