

June, and getting the Improvements made thereupon as well by the County in general as by the particular Inhabitants, having been often herunto Moved as well by their Leadership as others herein (guarne) hath and doth utterly Deny to make any Little or give any Assurance of the said Land to the use aforesaid, to the manifest Damay of the whole County, and to the ruin of severall Persons who have spent their Estates in letting themselves there. —

I therefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Lordship in aid the Upper and Lower houses of this Present Assembly, that the said Twenty acres of Land may be so allotted by some Law or Act of this Assembly, thatasmel the Inhabitants of the said County in general as the particular Persons which have built houses thereupon may be appeced of their debts upon such they have built according to the first intendment. — but as in Duty bound they shall ever pray &c.

Ordered and Ordained to be sent to the Upper house

Tho. Grunwin 1st of the lower house of Assembly —

Answered to the foregoing Petition with the following Warrant Vizt: —
I have ordered you to lay out the Seven land which I understand William Berry has builded in Battle Creek for the use of this County, you are to lay it out into Seven lots but so small that he left of Sixty foot in Breadth, that the Benefit thereof may be equally to every one that shall take such lot as the Division you make shall admit of, leaving by the Water side about of one hundred foot wide; when the land is so laid out, such as will build out of hand may have the greatest lots, and when you have settled their Diversities, and that William Berry has granted the land to the Lord Proprietary for the County's use, I shall then grant Patents under the Seal to those that build, to them and their heirs for ever freely Imposing you to keep a Register and Record hereof for all which this shall be your Warrant & Will under my hand and seal this 37th August 1663 — a
Seal of the Battle Creek Incorporator — Charles Calvert

Upper house 6th May 1662

Ordered that Michael Savney, William Berry and Major Boteler personally appear before this house; and Produce as well the Certificate and Plots taken for the said Berry by the said Boteler, as also the Certificate and Plot since taken and made for the said Savney for the Desirous and better Information of this house.

Signed J. John Bennett 1st of the Assembly —

Ordered that the said Savney and Berry be sent to the Lower house to know of them whether they intended to send out the Members of their house, Committee for their Affairs, whether before or after the Provincial Court, and to advise the use of that house for the Attorneys that are Members bound to attend the Court. It is also desired with answer that the Members Committee of the Lower house are now coming forth —

Ordered that the Members of this house make ready to goe in Committee with them —

The house Adjourned till Friday Morning 8 o'Clock —