

per pound any thing in his said Lordships Grants to the contrary notwithstanding whereas his said Lordships Receivers and other Officers appointed contrary to the said Law have and do under Colour of their said Offices not only refuse to receive Tobacco as by the said Law is provided, But exact Money Sterling to the great Grievance and Oppression of the Good People of this Province which we humbly desire Redress and Relief —

2dly Whereas the honourable the Secretaries of this Province do charge the People of this Province with several Fees which are not by Law due particularly in that for Recording Proceedings which they do take and exact by way of Execution, the said Fees being due and paid under another Denomination of which we humbly desire Redress and Relief —

3dly Whereas it is provided in the Act for Advancement of Trade that the Right honorable the Lord Proprietary should before the last day of August 1685 for the quick Dispatch of Ships & appoint in Wicocomoco, St. Maris Patuxent and Ann Arundel for the Western Side of this Province & in Talbot and Somerset Counties for the Eastern Shore some fit Officer or Officers for the Inbring and Clearing of Ships in the said severall and respective places for want of which Trade has been Discouraged to the great Grievance of the Inhabitants of which they humbly desire Redress and Relief —

4thly It being likewise very prejudicial to his Lordships Interest and Income Whereas it is not only a great Grievance to the Present Inhabitants of this Province But also of fatal Consequence to their Posterity, that Laws made & Assented unto by his Lordship and the People of Province should be dispenced with all by any other Authority than by which they were first made, which we humbly desire to know if his Lordship do intend to Annul that Clause of the Act about Bringing Tobacco to Towns without an Act of Repeale

5th Whereas the Attorney General has often presumed upon his own Authority as Attorney Generall to send out precepts Directed to the severall Sheriffs Commanding them to bring the Bodies of severall the Inhabitants of this Province to the Provincial Courts to answer such things as should be Objected ^{against} them by which means severall of his Lordships Good People have been taken into the Custody of the severall Sheriffs and brought to the Provincial Court being altogether Ignorant of what should be laid to their Charge before they come upon their Tryall contrary to the fundamentall and known Laws and to the great Grievance & Unsupportable Charge and Damage of his Lordships Good People of which we humbly desire to be relieved —

6thly Whereas it is a great Grievance to the Inhabitants of this Province that any persons not Lawfully Empowered but only pretending a Power from some of his Lordships Militia Officers in time of Peace should as often they have done wrest and Violently take from severall of the said Inhabitants the most part if not all their Store of Meat and other Provisions which should be for the Support and Relief of their respective families the remaining part of the year to the great Grievance and Oppression of the said Good People, of which we humbly desire to be relieved —

7thly Whereas the Provincial Court being adjourned to the last Tuesday next which is the Dead time of the Year and the most restless and inconvenient time for the people to give their Attendance we conceive that it is a great Grievance of which we humbly desire Redress —