

3 The Situation in it self is most pleasant and Healthful and naturally Commodious in all respects for the purpose being plentifully & well Watered with good and wholesome Springs almost encompassed round with Hills for Shipping where full hundred Sail of Ships at least may securely anchor before the City having also most suitable and convenient points of Land and proper places for erecting and building of Forts & Block Houses and other fortifications and places for the Security and defence of such Shipping the keeping and preserving the publick Magazines and Records of the Province

4 And as such and for divers other Reasons then appearing in the Year 1662 a convenient part or portion of the said Land was by the Representative body of the Province bought and purchased for the building of a State House and Prison and twelve Years after to wit Anno 1674 his Lordship by and with the advice and Consent of the Representative Body of the Province passed an Act for the building of a State House and Prison in the said Place which cost the Country at that time three hundred and thirty thousand Pounds of Tobacco

5 That the Inhabitants of the said City themselves for their further Security in having the Courts of Judicature and other publick Offices and meetings continued among them humbly moved his Lordship with their free Offering of One hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco towards the erecting and building for his Lordship a dwelling house at West Saint Marys convenient and Adjacent to the said City which Sum of Tobacco they duly and punctually paid and Complied with

6 His Lordship notwithstanding to qualify the request of some persons and studying the ease and Convenience of the People according to some motives to him then made did in the year 1683 remove the Records together with the Offices and Courts of Judicature as also the Assembly then Convened to the Ridge in Ann Arundell County whereby the Inhabitants in those parts finding themselves grievously burdened and altogether incapable to make provision for so great a Concourse of People became Suitors to his Lordship to remove to some other place which Accordingly he soon after did to Battle Creek in Patuxent River where the Provincial Court after it had continued for the space of three days only new for want of necessary accommodations obliged to break up abruptly & great part of their business unfinished

7 After all his Lordship having made triall of the most probably convenient places for the holding of his Courts of Judicature and other publick meetings as aforesaid found the same altogether incommodious