

To His Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council

The humble petition of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen Com-  
mon Council and freemen of the City of S<sup>t</sup> Marys

Merwell

That your petitioners do understand that the house of As-  
sembly now sitting are preparing a Bill for your Excellency and Coun-  
cils Assent to which from thence by the Courts of Judicature and from  
your Seat of Government and settle the same at Severn in Annaburndell  
County that your petitioners do hope the Reasons and motives hereunto  
Offered to your Excellency and this honorable Board will upon due Consider-  
ation thereof seem sufficient to hinder the said Bill from being past into  
a Law by your Excellency and the Councils Assent thereunto but least the  
small difference of voices in the Assembly might prevent with your Excellen-  
cies consideration to the publick good sufficiently proved to all such places  
as have had the happiness of being under your Government; before the  
said Motives which your petitioners believe they have very little reason  
to fear the matter being to be weighed by a person of your Excellencies known  
Experience & wisdom by so worthy a Council your petitioners humbly  
Crave leave to represent to your Excellency and this Board

That the Appointing a place for the supreme Courts of Judicature  
and Seat of Government in any Kingdom Colony Province or Territory  
belonging to the Crown of England is a peculiar prerogative of the Crown  
and that the upholding and maintaining the Kings Prerogative is as  
Essential and undoubted a part of the Laws of England as the Liberty &  
Property of the Subject is and that when either the former is intrenched  
upon by the Subjects or the latter invaded by the Prince the State is in  
Convulsion

That as the Subjects of this Province are well Satisfied of their Wise  
tenderness and Care of their Liberties and Properties sufficiently eviden-  
ced by their placing a person of your Excellency known regard to the same  
at the helm of this Government so your petitioners do humbly conceive  
that it is not consistent with the Rules of Gratitude for so great a blessing  
nor the difference and regard which good Subjects ought to have to the pre-  
rogative of so Clement a Prince to pass a Law which your petitioners are  
well Informed is an Apparent Infrachment upon the same

Which your petitioners do most humbly pray that least this  
Province maybe so blemished as to have it said that it was the first of the  
American Plantations that offered violence to the prerogative of so worthy  
a Prince by passing the said Bill into a Law your Excellency and your  
honorable Council will please to reject the said Bill until such times as a full