

Thousand Acres of Land of the Lord Baltimore and  
 layd part of the same upon a Tract of Land called Sector  
 containing Seven hundred Sixty nine Acres lying in the said  
 County as by Certificate of the said Survey duly Recorded in the  
 Land office of this Province doth at large appear who before  
 he obtain'd patent for the same departed this life leaving  
 behind him your petitioners deceased Husband a very small  
 Infant who when at age, sued to the Lord Baltimore Agents for  
 patent to issue to him, for the same but was by them deny'd, for  
 that a certain Thomas Smith son of Talbot County and Thomas  
 Smith son of Dorchester County had upon their petition to the  
 Lord Baltimore Council obtain'd an Order that they should have  
 liberty to take the said Land and have patent for the same —  
 which Land they accordingly Survey'd and sold the same to a  
 certain Thomas Hicks, and others of Dore. County, for recovery  
 of which said Tract of Land your pet. Husband brought the  
 Case of Ejectment, against the Tenant in possession and the  
 said Thomas Hicks took defence upon him and nonsuited your said  
 petition Husband for want of patent for the same to be pro-  
 duce'd in Court as by the said petition respect being thereto had  
 will more at large appear — Upon reading which said pet.  
 your Hono. were pleas'd to Ord. that y. said petition. should  
 be therein heard &c. — Now y. pet. prays that whereas your  
 petition Husband dy'd before his petition was heard and deter-  
 min'd, that your hono. would further order that considering  
 her incapacity, she may be heard by her Council on behalf of  
 her self and the orphan Children of her said Deceased Husband  
 and that Sumons may issue to the said Tho. Hicks and others in  
 possession of the said Lands to appear before your Hono. at such  
 time as your Hono. shall appoint, — and your petition as in duty  
 bound shall pray &c.

Which being Read and the Council heard on both sides —  
 debated and putt to the Question whether the Right be in the  
 petition. or said Smithsons Assigns — Carry'd by the Majority of  
 the Right is in the Heirs of Barward — Resolv'd Leave  
 be given to the petition. to bring in a Bill to restore the  
 Orphans to their Right in the Land,  
 The House adjourn'd till to Monday Morning  
 Nine a Clock —