

To his Excellency the Governor his Majestys Honble Council and the Delegates of the Assembly now convened

The Petition of Col: Nivian Beale

Most humbly reproveth to your Excellency and this Honble Assembly That notwithstanding he hath been very instrumental in extending his Lordship's the Lord Proprietary's Territories upon the Frontiers of Potowmack and elsewhere in Prince George's County, for some Years last past he has been very ill treated by Col: Henry Darnall and Mr: Charles Farrole his Lordship's Agents, and other his Lordship's Surveyors, so that in many things they deny him common Justice and extremely oppress him to his utter Impoverishment. As first in denying him Platens for a Tract of Land called Darnall's Good wife and for one other Tract called Turkey Thicket, and for one thousand Acres lying on the Branch of Choptank in Dorchester County and in divers other particulars too long here to enumerate; That your Petitioner being reduced to great Poverty so that he is not able to procure Lawyers to maintain and prosecute his just Rights against them ^{humbly} prays this Honble Assembly will appoint a Committee to enquire into your Petitioner's Aggrievance and the unfair and indirect Practices of his ^{said} Lordship's Agents and Surveyors. And he shall ever pray— Induced

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly April 1st 1707—

The above Petition being read and this Board duly reflecting on the many good Services the Petitioner has done the Country as well as his Lordship its recommended to the House of Delegates that they will examine into the Petitioner's Complaints and see that Justice be done him

Signed & Order W Bladen Esq

The Committee appointed by the House to enquire into this Complaint being Col: James Macwile, Capt: John Wells, Mr: Nicholas Lowe, and Mr: Robert Bradley enter the House and reports that they having called before them Col: Henry Darnall, Mr: Charles Farrole and Col: Nivian Beale and they having examined into the Complaint of the said Beale do thereupon report that they are of Opinion that the said Beale has no just cause of Complaint against the said Darnall or Farrole. But whereas the said Beale complained against several of his Lordship's Surveyors for Injustice done him and they not being here to answer for themselves Col: Darnall and Mr: Farrole informed the Committee that the several Surveyors have given Bond with good Security for due Performance of their Offices which Bonds they are ready to assign over to any Person damaged through their Neglect or Misapplication of their Office to any Person for their Recovery of their Right by due Course of Law— which being both read and heard in the House it is resolved the House concur therewith.

The Petition of Mr: John Hale and Mr: James Phillips on Behalf of themselves and other Inhabitants of Baltimore County praying a Town to be erected on a

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