

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq;
Governor and Commander in Chief, in and
over the Province of *MARYLAND*;

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To the Honourable the Upper and Lower
Houses of Assembly of the said Province;

The PETITION of *Jonas Green*, Printer,

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT he hath resided here, in the Service of the Public, as their Printer, for 24 Years last past, and hopes to serve them as such, all the few Remainder of his Days, with his utmost Skill and Ability; That at his first coming to settle here, when the Province was quite destitute of a Press, he was induced to it, by the Promises of the Public Employ and Encouragement; and the plausible Hopes he had, in so large a Province, of a constant Employment in his Calling in those intervals when he should be unemploy'd on Public Business: But by some unhappy Divisions which then subsisted among the several Branches of the Legislature, he has been much disappointed in his reasonable Expectations, and suffered greatly in the carrying on his useful and expensive Art.

THAT his having his Salary cut off Five Pounds in each County when there happened no Session of Assembly in the Year, and his never being allowed an adequate Reward for the extra Sessions which have happened Year after Year, for each and all of which he had a great Deal of Work to do, and much Paper to use, together with his having no Allowance for the last Year, were, and are, Difficulties too heavy and expensive for him to support and labour under.

THAT your Petitioner has, in a printed Letter addressed to your Excellency and your Honours, set forth with strict Truth, many Particulars, relating to his Situation with the Public, (to which he humbly craves Leave to refer, as they are too prolix to enumerate in this Petition) and humbly Begs, that your Excellency and your Honours, would now be pleased to take them into your candid and compassionate Consideration, and favourably to grant him such Relief and Recompence, as to You, in your Wisdom and Judgment, shall think agreeable to his Desert, and consistent with Justice and Equity.

AND your most humble Petitioner, as in Duty bound, will ever Pray, &c.