



To the Honorable *Richard Bennet*,  
and Colonel *William Claibourn*,  
Esquires, Commissioners for the  
Common-wealth of *England*,  
within the *Bay of Chesopiak*.

*The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the  
North-side of Patuxent River in the Pro-  
vince of Maryland.*

*Sheweth,*

**T**Hat we being reduced by your Honors from that Tyrannical power exercised over the people of this Province by the Lord *Baltimore* and his Agents, unto the Obedience of the Common-wealth of *England*, to which Government we have Subjected and Engaged, and have by your Honors been often enjoyned reall conformity and obedience to the same, and not to own any other power or Authority as we will answer the contrary: In subjection whereunto, we have had peace and freedom hitherto, which with all thankfulness we cannot but acknowledge, and in our continued obedience, do expect from the Parliament next under **G**od continued peace, liberty, and protection from the pride, rage, and insolency of their, and our adversaries: Now so it is, may it please your honors, that of late  
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