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ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

To His Excellency Jathr. Hart Esq.r Capt. General and Gov.r of this Province of Maryland and the Honorable Councell of ye Same Province

The Humble Petition of Philip Jeddemon of Dorchester County Sheriffe

Humbly Sheweth that whereas by Virtue of a Commission first granted him by the Honable Edward Lord Ye Lake Gov.r of ye aforesd Province and since renewed by his present Excellency Q. Anne it has still remained and is high Worship of ye aforesd County But forasmuch as ye most humble petr. terme and time of three Years of Shrievalty of said County will next June be expired and that as its most evident there was scarce ye time of ye petr. commencing as Sheriff as aforesaid near the Quantity of Tobacco made in this Province as formerly and more especially the last year in the aforesaid County by wch. means ye petitioner is in no likelyhood or possibility of procuring or anything more getting after all his Endeavours and great pains used in the said County, too much Tobo. as will pay and discharge the publique dues He Therefore most humbly supplicates Ye Excellency and ye Honable Council to take ye same into Worthy and Serious Considn. and notwithstanding its Contrary to an Act of Assembly of this Province (longer than three years Successively) to admit allow or suffer any one person to possess and enjoy the place and office of a Sheriff of any one County ye pet. may be continued and still remain as Sheriff of ye aforesaid County a further time by wch. means he hopes and doubt at all Question but to discharge Comply wth. all such publique dues and Claims as are now due and thereafter due and during his Continuance as Sheriff of ye Same County without wch. Continuance it may not only be an ease for divers the Inhabitants of this Province to point at ye petr. Character but prove pernicious and hurtfull and perhaps tend to ye petr. ruin Therefore ye Humble petr. prays ye Serious and Worthy Considerations of this Board and ye petr. may be Continued and remain as Sheriff of ye aforesaid County a further and longer time as to ye Excellency shall seem fitt and Convenient And ye petr. as in duty bound shall Ever pray Etc