To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq.r Governour & Commander in Chief: And to the Honourable the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper parts of Anne Arundel County & adjacent places

Humbly Sheweth That

Some of the Inhabitants of the places aforesaid having by their humble Petition to his Lordship & the General Assembly in the Year 1732 set forth "That the vast body of Rich Lands & the Situation of the Neighbourhood in general, renders the head of Patapsco River at Elk Ridge Landing a very commodious place for a Town the most Convenient for the Western part of Baltimore & all the back Land on Potomack & Monocacy Rivers; & prayed that an Act might Pass to erect the said place into a Town, His Lordship & the General Assembly were pleased to grant the said Petition: & a Bill was accordingly passed into a Law for erecting a Town at the aforesaid Landing, to be called by the Name of Jansen Town

But, forasmuch as the Gentlemen who by the Act Passed as aforesaid were appointed Commissioners to put the same in execution, never complyed with the Direction thereof; & the time to which their Authority for laying out the said place for a Town, was limited is expired; so that the said Law is become void; the Petitioners beg leave once more to represent to your Excellency & your Honours, that as the aforesaid Landing, is the nearest & most convenient Tide Water to the said Upper Parts of Anne Arundel, the Western Parts of Baltimore & the greatest part of Prince Frederick Counties & other remote places about the Mountains, where Inhabitants are Daily increasing; as there are two very publick Roads that the place intended for the Town; which will render it Commodious for Travellers; as the Petitioners are frequently by the want of a Town convenient to them put to hardships & expences in procuring the necessaries of Life, & as it has been & is still generally expected that the chief part of the Trade with the said extensive back Lands must by Degrees centre at the old Elk Ridge Landing; which was one of the Motives upon which many of the Petitioners did in the year 1748 prefer a Petition to your Excellency & Honours for having the Elk Ridge Warr House built there; having been therein encouraged by the Proprietors of the Land there about; with a prospect of having a sufficient Quantity of it laid out in Lots for the intended Town. The Petitioners relying on the good inclination of your Excellency & Honours in promoting things of this kind, are in hopes that tho by the neglect of the Commissioners they once miss'd of an opportunity of having a Town at the Landing aforesaid, yet this will not be made an objection against their having the Foundation of one laid there now

May it therefore please your Excellency & your Honours that a Bill be brought in, & passed into a Law for erecting a Town at the old Elk Ridge Landing on such Ground about the Inspecting House there, as shall be judged most Convenient for that purpose & on the same Terms on which other Towns have been erected near Navigable Water in this Province according to the intent of the said former Act: & your Petitioners (as in Duty bound) shall ever pray &c

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