To the Right Honble the Govr and Council and the Gen^ll Assembly now sitting —

The humble petition of the inhabitants of Talbot County

Most humbly sheweth unto the Right Honble the Govr and Gen^ll Assembly that Whereas at the late Session of Assembly the Court House for this County was ordered to be erected at Oxford. We your petitioners being a considerable number of the inhabitants of that County humbly represent that plaus to every inconvenient being at the end of the County very remote from the most of our habitations a wide and dangerous ferry to cross and obliged to tarry & lodge there ~~which is very inconvenient and costly~~ — to our great loss and — danger of our lives. We therefore We humbly ~~pray that the~~ ~~that there may be a Court house~~ pray your further consideration and that the County Court house may be ~~built~~ erected in the Center of our County, and that a town & settlement may be erected neare Betty's Cove —

William Hughes —

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