To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor and Commander in Chief in And Over the Province of Maryland, And to the Honble the Upper And Lower Houses of Assembly, Now Convene:

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Charles County in the Province Aforesaid; most Humbly Sheweth, that whereas through the Excessive Drought last year, many good planters And gardeners, that were most Known to fail before, Are now Render'd incapable of Complying with their former Contracts, Or discharging their Debts, And we Your Petitioners do most Humbly Conceive, that many ill Consequences, Grievances, may Arise to the innocent, from the proceedings of some ill Natured Creditors, that will take Pleasure, Either through the powerful persuasions of Avarice, Or their Lineal antipathy to Debtors, Those, that Divine Providence, has this year left defenceless Are immediately Exercised, by the Legislature

Your Petitioners Humbly hope, Yr Honours, will in Yr wisdom, Yr Wisdom Seriously consideration And make a Law, that shall Oblige the Creditors to Give good Bond and security, with a Moderate Interest, as payment, till a Crop of Tobacco is made, Or take Any Other Step, that the wisdom of Yr Honours shall suggest, for so as to save Yr Country from the Rigour and Execution, of the present Law in Regard to payments, And from Infallible Oppression, and Ruin, And Your Petitioners as in duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Clem Dyce
Thos Beall
Thos Right Jun
Wm Right
Wm Dent
Jo Harrison
Booker Right
Jos Right
John Right
Thomas Right Junr
Francis Mackenzie

Thomas Philbard Jun
Peter Floyd
Andrew Monro
James French
William Davis
John Nelson
Thomas Davis
Thorton Philbard
Simon Smith
Joseph Hankin
George Jones
Richd Davis
John Hatley
George Goldsberry Jammes
John Gray
John Ryle
John Sanders

Charles Coutts
John Connick
Henry Marton
Robt Morison
John McPherson
Dan McPherson
Francis Goodrick
Easton Smallwood
John Marton
Michael Marton
Robert Gordon
Francis Adams
Jno Shepherd

Thos Stone
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John Stone
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