To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour of maryland and the honourable the upper and Lower houses of Assembly.

The Humble petition of George Beall of Frederick County

Sheweth

That at a session of assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the fourteenth day of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty one Several of the Inhabitants of Frederick County by there petition to the then Generall Assembly set forth that there was a convenient place for a Town on Potomack river above the mouth of Monocacy adjacent to the Iron Works house in the said county and thereby prayed that Sixty acres of Land might be then laid off and erected into a Town and your petitioner further sheweth that the place where the Town aforesaid was petitioned for being on or near where your petitioner had Severall dwelling houses out houses orchards and other Improvements and your petitioner having accidentally had notice of the said petition came to Annapolis and waited several Days in Town in order to object to an act passing for laying out a town which might effect or take away your petitioners Dwelling house out houses and other Improvements or otherwise be injurious to your petitioners property and that till your petitioner was informed by two members of the upper house of Assembly that the said petition was rejected in the said upper house upon which your petitioner went home well satisfied that nothing could be done that Session of Assembly in relation to the said petition —

And your petitioner further sheweth that after your petitioner left Annapolis the said petition was contrary to the information that your petitioner had received as aforesaid put to the Lower house of Assembly and in pursuance thereof an act of Assembly passed constituting appointing and authorizing Severall Commissioners in the said act mentioned to purchase sixty acres of Land part of the tract of Land belonging to George Gordon and your petitioner at the place aforesaid where it should appear to them or the major part of them to be most convenient and to survey and lay out or cause the same to be surveyed and laid out in the best and most convenient manner into Eighty Lots to be erected into a town — and your petitioner further sheweth that the Commissioners by the said act nominated & appointed