To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq.r Governor and Commander in Chief: And To the Honorable the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper Parts of Ann 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 and the Situation of "the Neighborhood in general, renders the head of Patapsco River at Elk Ridge Landing a very commo-"dious Place for a Town, the most Convenient for the Western Parts of Baltemore, & all the Back Land on Po-"towmak & Monocasy Rivers; & pray'd that an Act might pass to erect the said Place into a Town: His "Lordship & the General Assembly were pleas'd to grant the said Petition; and a Bill was accordingly pass'd "into a Law, for erecting a Town at the aforesaid Landing, to be call'd by the name of Jansen-Town.

But, forasmuch as the Gentlemen, who by the Act pass'd as aforesaid were appointed Commissioners, to put the same in Execution, never comply'd with the Directions 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 Petition-ers 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 Ann Arundel, the Western parts of Bal-temore; & the greatest part of Prince-Frederic Counties & other remote Places about the Mountains, where Inhabitants are daily increasing; as there are two very public Roads thro' 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 expect-ed that the chief part of the Trade with the said extensive back Lands must by degrees center at the old Elk-Ridge-Landing; which was one of the Motives upon which many of the Petitioners did in the Year 1743 pre-fer a Petition [illegible] Honours for [illegible] the Elk [illegible] Warehouse built there, having been therein encouraged by the Encouragement of the Laws hereabouts, with the 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 missd 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~~ Honours, that a Bill be brought in, & pass'd 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.

Mouat	Jn Bruce	J Bromwell	Henry Gaphaway
Alex Warfield	William Cummings	John Howard	Joshua Yeates
Jn: Russell	A Dorsey	Thos Sparrow	Benjn Gyan
Richd Dorsey	Nich Gaphaway	J Ridgely Sondy	Edward Penn
John Howard	[illegible]	John Burgess	Healt Clark
West	James Macgill	Will Burgess	Richd Warfield Junr
Nicho: Gaphaway Son Thos	Greenberry Ridgely	Howard	Rd Hammond
Henry Howard	Richd Sudsden	Sam Lockwood	Robert Barnes
Wm Cleman jun.r	Richd Burgess	Joseph Hall	Lewin Lawrance
Chas Carroll	Phi Dorsey	Benj. Hoskins	Mich. Dorsey
[illegible]	John Onick Jnr	Wm Hale Elk Ridge	Joseph Dorsey
	J. Walker		Robert Howes
	Jas Mackey	Edw Talbott	John Berry
			Nath Dickinson Jr