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Minshall by his Att[y] af[d]. & thos: Joshua Minshall by his s[d]. Att[y] pray further Liberty
until this Court to Answer the Information af[d]. he hath it & the same Day is given
to thos: Att[y] Gen[l]. who [illegible] also.

At which Said day Court to wit thos[d]. Day of July Anno Dominii 1735 comes
Again as well the s[d]. Dan: Dulany Esq[r]. Att[y] Gen[l]. who [illegible] as the Said Joshua Minshall
by his Att[y] af[d]. Whereupon thos: Att[y] Gen[l]. prays that thos: Joshua Minshall
to the Information af[d]. may Answer, & thereupon thos: Joshua Minshall files the
following Petition.

To the Honourable the Justices of the Provinciall Court of the Province
of Maryland Joshua Minshall of the County of Lancaster in the
Province of Pensylvania

Humbly Sheweth

That he being by your Honours laid under a Rule in October
last to plead to an Information Exhibited into this Hon[ble]. Court against him in
the Name or on behalf of the Lord Baltimore Proprietor of the Province of
Maryland doth now humbly beg leave to say as formerly he hath said that
as far as he knows or can Remember the Several Charges Set forth against him in
thos: Information are utterly untrue And that he is Advised that Supposing the
Facts charged upon him in thos: Information were true yet he is not by Law
Obliged to Answer to the Same here nor is his Offence Cognizable in this
Honourable Court because he Saith that the Place where the Offence Set forth
in the Information (if any Such ever were done or Said by him which he Says he
believes never were) was at the Place where he the Same Joshua Dwells & from
whence he was Taken with Armed Force & in a Terrible manner lying upon
the River Susquehanna at least Eight Miles to the Northward of the City of
Philadelphia the Capital of this Province of Pensylvania & about Twenty three
Miles to the Northward of the Line commonly called Lord Baltimores
Line marked as is Said by the Lord Baltimore himself or by his Express
Order beginning near the Mouth of Octoraro Creek on Susquehanna & Extending East to Delaware River as his Northern bounds Dividing his
Province from that of Pensylvania which Line has the Title of Late, as the Said
Joshua has heard & truly believes been Constantly Reputed & regarded even by the
People of Maryland themselves as the Northern bounds of that Province And the
Same Joshua Doth further Say that he has been also Said to be run West
from the Latitude of fifteen English Statute Miles due South of the most Southern
part of the City of Philadelphia to the River Susquehanna & Cross Susquehanna
which Line runs in or near the Same place Agreed between the Lord Baltimore
& the Prop[rs]. of Pensylvania as thos: Joshua has heard & Does Verily believe to be
the Northern bounds of the Province of Maryland the Southern bounds of the
Province of Pensylvania that his Dwelling & Abode is at least Twenty
Miles North of the most Northerly Bounds of Maryland According to the Articles
of Agreement made between the Prop[rs]. of the two Provinces af[d]. in the Year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred thirty & two, which Agreement thos: Joshua hath never heard
has been cancelled or Annulled but is Advised that the the Boundarys or Lines
Mentioned in the Said Articles of Agreement Directed to be run between thos:
Provinces of Pensylvania & Maryland were not run According to the Express
Terms of the Articles of Agreement af[d]. that at thos: Agreement is
Nevertheless binding upon the Contracting Proprietors parties to the Same and
Are & Ought to be a Security & Protection to all People living near the
(disputed)



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Disputed parts of the two Provinces and the Line be Actually run According to thos:
Articles or until the Same be by the Consent of all the Parties to thos: Articles or by Some
Superiour Power who has right so to do declared Null & Void.

Where fore the Said Joshua Doth humbly Conceive himself to be very much
Aggrieved & Oppressed by his being Taken from his own habitation within the Govern-
ment of the Proprietor of the Province of Pensylvania & in Violation of that Agreem[t].
made between the Prop[rs]. of Pensylvania & Maryland af[d].

And the Said Joshua Doth further humbly beg leave to Say that he cannot
Apprehend it to be Agreeable to the Priviledges of a British Subject & the Principles
of Natural Equity to be called to answer in the Court of any Subject whose right is
in Question in to those Plans the Prosecution is Carried on & whose Property is
to be tryed but more especially where the Controversy is about the bounds & Limits of
two Provinces Equally and Independent of one another which for he prays to be Released
from the harships he lyes under in being Obliged to an Unreasonable Attendance
in another Government at a great Expence Hundred Miles from his own home
to the utter Ruin & Destruction of himself & family having Nothing but the
Labour of his hands to Support them.

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Which Petition being read & heard no Plea pleaded to the Information af[d]. the
Defendant as also James Calder Council for thos: Def[t]. being by the Court Asked
to plead to the Information af[d]. refused so to do.

Whereupon thos: John Hendricks being asked what he had to Say
why Judgment &c upon the Premisses af[d]. against him Should not be rendered with
Willing more than before he hath Said.

Therefore it is Considered by the Court here this 8[th]. Day of July Anno
Dominii 1735 that thos: Joshua Minshall for the Offence af[d]. be fined to his Lord[p]
the Lord Prop[r]. in the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current money & that he be taken
Whereupon it is ordered that thos: Joshua Minshall Enter into Recog[z]. in the
Sum of Twenty Pounds Current money for his thos: Joshua Minshall keeping
the Peace & being of Good behaviour for two two Months from this Day.

Thereupon thos: Joshua Minshall Acknowledgeth himself to owe &
Stand Justly Indebted to his Lord[p] the Lord Prop[r]. in the Sum of Twenty Pounds
Current money & Acknowledged that thos: Sum Should be levied on his Body Goods
or Chattles Lands or Tenements to the use of his Said Lord[p] his heirs & Success[rs].
In case thos: Joshua Minshall Shall not keep the Peace & be of Good behaviour
as well towards his Lord[p] as all his Lord[p] good People for the Space
of Twelve Months from this Day.

Sep[r]. Cur[m] Test[e]

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D[r]. Lord Proprietor ..... Maryland ss[t].

Be it remembred that Dan[l]. Dulany Esq[r].
Thomas Gerard Rodwell
Attorney Gen[l]. of Right Hon[ble] the Lord Prop[r] that
Now is who for thos: Lord Prop[r] in this behalf followeth
in his Proper Person comes into the Court of thos: Lord Prop[r]
This Same Term at Annapolis this third Tuesday of May in the
two and Twentieth Year of the Dominion of thos: Lord Prop[r] & for thos:
Lord Prop[r] giveth this Court to understand & be informed that Thomas
Rodwell of Cecil County Planter & Gerard Rodwell of Cecil County Planter
being Seditious & Pernicious Persons of Unquiet Turbulent Dispositions
(Unlawfully)