

Lib. R. R. R.

Sarah Harris pet^r

To the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} and the rest of the hon^{ble}
Councill now sitting.

The humble Petition of Sarah Harris of Anne Arrundell County
the now wife of Thomas Harris

Sheweth

That your pet^r the last Assembly petitioned unto your
Hon^{rs} concerning her husbands abusing of her in goeing
away from your pet^r and her five Children for the most part
of the yeare except the dead of the winter, and then comes
to your pet^r and staires untill he hath eaten up all your pet^{rs}
and childrens maintenance which she all the yeare provides
for the keepeing of them, and never takes care to provide
either meate or Clothes for your pet^r or her Children, but
in stead of provideing for her, abuses her and his children,
that they are (without your hono^{rs} take into your serious con-
siderations) likely to starve or come upon the County for
releife, for his faire promisses of Amendm^t upon the least peti-
tion Signifies nor availles any thing upon him but that he is
rather worse to y^r Pet^r

Your Pet^r therefore humbly craves your Hono^{rs} assistance
in the premisses, that there may be some speedy course taken
that her s^d husband may either help to maintaine her & her
children, or that she may be suffered to doe it her self with her
children, and he not to trouble or molest her.

And your pet^r shall as in all duty bound ever pray. thus
answered & Subscribed viz.

By the Lord Prop^{ry} & Councill

Ordered that the pet^r apply her self to the hon^{ble} Coll
Thomas Tailler and Coll William Burges, who are hereby
p. 24 desired to take the premisses into their consideration and doe
therein for releife of the pet^r what in their discretion they shall
think fitt, according to Law, which they are to certifie unto his
L^{spp} and Councill with all convenient speed.

ffbruary 14th 1683:

Signed p ord^r
J Llewelin Cl Cencil.