

Calvert
Papers. them and ordered that no other person or Persons whatsoever having less Equitable Right then the petitioners be admitted to sue for the same, or have any Grant thereof from his Lordship by means of any private or Clandestine suit, or otherwise, endeavouring to Surprize his Lordship In which Cases all such Grants to be of themselves Void

[Petition of Peter Bayard.]

Maryland ss:

To the Right Hōnble the Lord Proprietary & his hōnble Council

The humble petition of Peter Byard of Deleware River Most humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner by Letters patent from his Royal Highness's Government of New York hath Granted unto him a parcell of Land being several Hamnocks of small Islands in a marsh at the mouth of Deleware River aforesaid Bounded on the East with Deleware River and Bay, on the South and West with Duck Creek, and on the North with Thorough fare Creek together with the Swamps and marshes therein and thereunto adjoining containing and laid out for 800 acres as may be made appear to your Lordship which said Land and other the parts of the said River up to the Degree of forty Northern Latitude Your Petitioner is informed and hath been made Sensible falls within the Bounds of this your Lordships Province of Maryland according to your Lordships Charter granted by his late Majesty to your Lordships late Father Cecilius &c. of noble memory Your Petitioner in full assurance and Confidence thereof is most ready and willing to acknowledge and submit to your Lordships Right and Dominion thereunto and most humbly prays your Lordships acceptance thereof and to be received into your protection and Government and that your Lordship considering his equitable Right to the Premisses will graciously please to grant him your Lordships Letters patent of Confirmation thereof according to the Tenor of his said Grant from the said Government of New York upon such conditions and Terms as your Lordships conditions of plantation of this province of Maryland have prescribed and set forth your petitioner in order thereunto and that he may have and enjoy the same, and what else he may Justly and Honestly acquire within your Lordships province and Government as an Estate of Fee Simple having humbly Supplicated your Lordship and two Houses of Assembly now sitting for his Naturalization and to be admitted and taken in all Respects as a natural Born Person of this province or as one of British or Irish Descent And as in duty Bound he shall pray &c.

Signed Eph: Herman in Behalf of Peter Bayard.