

apply themselves there in times of Assembly Provinciall Courts or otherwise his Lsp was pleased to Signifie to the Corporation under his hand his promise and full assurance of continueing the same, and not to be removed thence dureing his life. Original Journal.

9 Upon w^{ch} Encouragem^t given Severall of the Inhabitants of the s^d City haue lanchd out and disbursed considerable Estates to their great impoverishm^t and almost utter ruine if they should be defeated of such their promised encouragem^t and not onely soe but divers others the Inhabitants for severall miles about, contiguous and Adjacent to the s^d City upon the same Encouragem^t of his Lsp have seated themselves upon meane indifferent lands and layd out their Estates and made emproovem^{ts} thereon barely for the raising of Stocks wherewith to Supply the said City for the End and purpose afd w^{ch} is now become their whole and onely dependance for their future Support and maintenance.

10 The City of Sn^t Maries scituated as afd is undeniably the most convenient Port or place for all Masters of Shippes or other persons whatsoever at their arrivall into or goeing out of the province to make their application to his Ex^{ncie} and also for the receipt & dispatch of all publick Lett^{rs} and expresses relating to their Maj^{ties} Service and the good of the whole province from and to any parts of the Same, as lyeing in a manner equally distant from Pottuxent and Pottomock Rivers and the Main Bay, and is most commodious and contiguous to its Neighbouring Collyny of Virginia with whom a mutuall intercourse and correspondency is most undeniably Necessary and Materiall.

11 ffor w^{ch} reason amongst others best knowne to their Maj^{ties} your supplicants humbly conceive that (as they have been enformed) their Maj^{ties} late Gov^r Copley was by his Instructions comāded to apply primarily and principally to Sn^t Maryes & there enter upon his Governm^t as the knowne & generally accepted antient & Chief Seate of Governm^{ts} in this province

12 It hath hardly been knowne and indeed Scarce any president can be produced of soe Sudden a change as the removeall of the antient and Chiefe Seate of Governm^t upon the bare suggestion and Allegations of some particular persons for their owne private Interest and Advantage neither is it in the power wee humbly conceive of the Subject but the prerogative Royal invested in your Ex^{ncie} as their Maj^{ties} Lieve-tenant at whose feete we humbly cast our selves for Releife and Support ag^t the Calamitys & ruin wherewith wee are threatned wholly relying upon your Ex^{ncies} grace & favour therein, with whome wee alsoe conceive should be good p. 55