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[Baltimore's Petition.]
 To the King's most excellent Majestie
 The humble Petition of
 Charles Lord Baltimore

Sheweth,

That in an Assembly held in Maryland 1692 by Col: Lyonel Copley your Maj^s late Gov^r amongst other Acts there was one past entituled An Act for the secureing the Rights of severall Persons. In which it is enacted that all Lands surveyed before the 10th July 1689 shall be held and enjoyed by the persons for whom the same were surveyed, without being obliged to take Patents & Grants from the Pet^r And likewise that were warrants only were granted and the Lands not surveyed for the five years last past that the Persons to whom such Warrants were granted may proceed to survey your Pet^{rs} Land and enjoy the same as if Patent had been granted by y^r Pet^r. All which being designed by that Act to take away & utterly destroy your Pet^{rs} right & property to his Lands in that Province.

Does therefore most humbly pray your Maj: to dissent to that Bill or Act & that your Maj^s Gov^{ts} (for the time being there) may have directions & Orders for the laying that Act aside & that noe Person presume to survey take up and hold any of your Petitioner's Lands without the same be first surveyed by Surveyors appointed by your Petitioner and afterwards past into Patents and Grants under the hand and seale of your Pet^r as formerly.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound &c.

(Endorsed)

22nd February 1693/4

Reference of the Petition of the Lord Baltimore against the Act for secureing the Rights of severall Persons.

Maryland

Recd 24th Feb^{ry} 1693/4.

At the Court at Whitehall

The 22nd February 1693.

Present

The Kings most Excellent Maj^{ty} in Councill.

Upon the humble Petition of Charles Lord Baltimore, this day read at the Board, praying that His Majesty would please