

To the hono^{ble} The Justices of the Provinciaall Court in Court Liber W. C.
 sitting &c

The humble Peticon of Mary Baines servant to James Lewis
 of st Maryes County

Sheweth

That the said James Lewis her Master behaving himself So Rigorously towards your Petitioner, Yo^r petitioner obtained a warrant from yo^r Hono^r (the Chancello^r) for his appeareance last Christmas was Twelve Monthes to answe^re to your Peticoners Ob- jec^{co}ns, but hee Lyeing obsconded yo^r peticon^r Could not serve him with the said warrant, Since w^{ch} time hee hath used yo^r peticon^r and his other Servants soe Cruelly that did not the necessity of the Case Require it Yo^r peti^{co}ner should Choose to Conceale it as a thing to horid to Devulge

That yo^r Peticon^{rs} said Master will not allow her Cloathes to her back nor Victualls to Eate, nor a bed to lye on, but Continually beats and abuses her to the inevitable Ruine of yo^r Peti^{co}ner if not speedily p^rvented

That on Wednesday last was fortnight the said James Lewis her said Master sent yo^r Peti^{co}ners fellow servant Joseph Robinson to fetch in a Logg of wood w^{ch} being to heavy for him to carry his Neighbo^{rs} offered to help him for w^{ch} his Master abused his said Neighbours, and beat the said Joseph, and the said Joseph Con- fessing hee tooke a small bit of Meat to Eat out of the Closet, his Master Threw him downe and Trampled Upon his Throat with such Violence That within Two hours after the said Joseph Dyed, and your Peticon^{rs} said Master Threaten'd yo^r peticon^r to serve her the same Sauce and Swore Dam him hee car'd not a straw or words to that effect

This yo^r peticon^r with two other Credible witnesses are ready to averr maintaine and prove and humbly Craves releife in the p^rmisses & Justice upon her said Master

And Yo^r Peticon^r shall ever Pray

Which Peti^{co}n being read and heard Itt is Ordered by the Court here this day (to witt) the Nineteenth day of ffebruary in the sixth p. 379 yeare of y^e Dominion of the Right Hono^{ble} Charles Lord Baltemore &c Anno^q Dominj 1680 That the said Mary Baines Servant to the said James Lewis Remaine in the Custody of William Boareman sheriffe of st Maryes County untill this Court be better Satisfyed in the premisses

Afterwards to witt the Two and twentyeth day of ffebruary in the yeare aforesaid Came Thomas Courtney of st Maryes County and Produced to the Court here a bill of sale from the said James Lewis to him the said Thomas Courtney of the said Mary Baines Servant to the said James Lewis as aforesaid

Whereupon Itt is Ordered by the Court here that the said Mary