

" Underneath the petition was writt, (viz.)

" Lett mandamus issue forth according to the request of the petitioner."

LIBER C. B.—lands, fol. 1.

" February 9th, 1679.

" Ordered, that mandamus issue to the sheriff of Kent county, commanding him by the oathes of twelve honest and lawful men of the neighbourhood, to enquire into what lands and tenements Edward Sparkes dyed seized of, and to make returne thereof into the chancery court of records with all convenient speed.

" Signed, per order (of the lord prop'ry and council)

J. L. clk. consil."

*To the hon'ble Willm. Calvert, Esqr.  
principal secretary of Maryland, or  
his chief clk.—These"*

LIBER C. B. lands, fol. 3.

" *To the right honourable the lord proprietary, &c.*

" The humble petition of Peter Burges, of Calvert county, sheweth, That whereas Valentine Huddlestone late of Calvert county, had granted to him under the great seale of this province, bearing date the 30th day of August, 1667, a parcel of land called Lambeth, lying in Calvert county, containing one hundred forty and three acres as appears upon record, and for that your petitioner is informed that the said parcel of land is escheatable to your lordship either for want of heyre of the said Huddlestone or for non-payment of the annual rent for the same.

" Your petitioner humbly prays your lordship's writ of mandamus to Mr. Roger Brooke and John Craycroft to enquire of and in the premises, and if it shall appeare that the same be escheated to your lordship, that your petitioner may have the preëmption thereof."

" Whereupon mandamus is granted and an order to the secretary directed for that purpose, viz.

" February 14, 1679.—By the lord proprietary and council.

" Ordered, that mandamus issue forth of the chancery court of records to Roger Brooke and John Craycroft of Calvert county, gentlemen, to enquire into the lands of Valentine Huddlestone late of the same county, and to return their proceedings under their hands and seales into our said court of chancery with all expedition. Signed per order,

" J. L. Ck. Council."

*" To the hon'ble Wm. Calvert, Esq. secretary,  
or to his chiefe clerk—These,"*

LIBER C. B. No. 1, fol. 6.