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[Payne's Petition.]

To the King's most excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of

William Payne D.D.

Chaplain in Ordinary to your Majesty

Sheweth,

That your Petitioner's brother John Payne Gent: was in the beginning of the Revolution murdered in your Maj<sup>s</sup> cause and on your Majesty's account by the Papists in Maryland opposing your Maj: interest and Government in that Province and left two small children with little or no provision to the sole care of your Pet<sup>r</sup> who hath seven of his own.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Majesty out of your Royal bounty and goodness to him & his brother's children will be pleased to grant to his family for their lives or for ever the place of Commissary for Probate of Wills and granting Lycences of Marriage and letters of administration in the said Province of Maryland to be executed by a sufficient deputy.

And your Petitioner shall ever pray

(Endorsed)

D<sup>r</sup> Payne's Petition

Read 12<sup>th</sup> March

From Sir Ed: Andros.

to the Lords of the Com̄ittee of Trade & Plantations

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1694.

May it please your Ldps,

Having received severall Letters from the President & Councill and Sir Thomas Lawrence Secretary of this their Majesties Province and Territory representing occasions of my coming to them for their Maj<sup>ties</sup> service, to which, and that I might not be waiting in the continued quiet of this place, I came from Virginia (where all very well) to be here by the tyme of this Provincial Courte appointed to sitt the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in May; when, there not being a Quorum, 'twas adjourned to the next day, and Sir Thomas Lawrence delivering me their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Order in Councill of the 28<sup>th</sup> of September restoring him to his place of Councillor and Judge of the said Provincial Courte, the same being read was ordered to be entered in the Council Books, to be observed accordingly, upon which