

to see if the Bill of Exc^o was not paid that he should pay the Lord
 & send himself with that 20 li. freight thirty days after John
 Evans parted from me by mischance I lost my ship and goods
 before I could attain to the City of Cork being my Port of Discharge
 the ship and goods being wholly my own lost to the Value of 1500
 Sterling, I am arrested by Francis Collier that married In^o Edw^o
 Widow, I have been prisoner two months, I have been sick Six
 Months, and am still in a weak Condition, that if I Live I am
 to appear at the Provinciaall Court, I am about 70 Years of Age
 Poor and a stranger in the Country, my humble request is that your
 Excellency be pleased that Francis Collier may choose 2 Men, and
 my self choose 2 men, that it may be decided the difference I
 being sick and lying at great Charges

I shall ever be bound in Duty to pray

The Petitioner if he will qualify himself by Oath according
 to law may be admitted to defend himself in Forma Pauperis

To his Excellency Lionel Copley Esq^r Governour
 in chief over the Province of Maryland

In all humble manner sheweth The humble Petition of Thomas Plummer
 of Anne Arundell County

That your Petitioner hath for these thirty Five
 Years last past been an Inhabitant and Liver in the County
 aforesaid, during the most of which time he hath had a Wife
 and divers Children, and nothing to maintain them with
 but what through his..... Industry, care, and hard Labour
 it hath pleased God far above his Deserts to bless him with,
 now may it Please your Excellency so it is that whereas
 your Petitioner being very credibly informed of your Great
 Clemency and Compassion, as well towards the poor, as the rich.
 made him presume humbly to prostrate these at your Feet
 for redress, praying your Grace and serious Consideration in
 the premises hereafter mentioned, whereas your Petitioner
 almost two Years since hath had one Daughter, who unfortu-
 nately having too much Familiarity and Commerce with
 a certain Negro Man was supposed by him to have a Child,
 for which he is truly sorry, now since her supposed delivery
 the Justices of Calvert County, have at a Court held there in
 January was a twelve month last past, without a due