

humbly sheweth

That whereas formerly the honorable Sir Tho^s Lawrence by his Commission constituted ^{and empowered} one Thomas Gladman Gent to be Clerk of our said Court We finding the said Thomas Gladman every way insufficient & uncapable to manage an Office of so great a trust, we the said Delegates & Justices foreseeing the danger there was likely to accrue to the whole County did petition to the said Sir Thomas Lawrence to constitute one W^m Hemstey of the said County to be Clerk of the said Court, a person in whom we have great confidence & are well satisfied of his Skill & knowledge understanding & trust in the said Office which petition as yet was never answered

Therefore your Excellencies petitioners in all humble manner supplicates your Excellency to consider the premises & grant this our so reasonable request in constituting the said William Hemstey to be Clerk of the said Court & it will be a perpetual obligation to

Your Excellencies humble serv ^{ts}	
John Davis	W ^m Fursey
W ^m Cousey	High Sherwood
Rob Smith	Pr: Carter
Isaac Winchester	

The same Answer given to this petition as to the foregoing petition from the Justices of Ann Arundel County

To his Excellency the Governor
The petition of Thomas Nichols

Whereas your petitioner & his wife are bound further by recognizance to be evidence for their Majestys against Ann Nichols & have attended here fore days at his own cost is a poor man that lives by his Labour wth Body at home but Young Children & now like to loss passage with M^r Canterbury