

Read the following Petition viz

To the Honble Nicholas Greenberry Esq^r President of their Maj^{ties} Council & the rest of the Honble their Majestys Council for the Province of Maryland

The humble Petition of Francis Malden of the Cliffs in Calvert County

humbly Sheweth

That whereas one Richard Bennet of Han-
:cum River in the Colony of Virginia Esq^r had formerly gran-
:ted unto him by Letters patent from Cecilus late Lord Balt-
:more &c^o. Twelve hundred & fifty Acres of Land lying upon the
Cliffs in Calvert County called Lower Bennet & the said Rich^d
Bennet being so invested as aforesaid with the said Land did
for divers good Causes & Considerations him therein moving
Bargain sell Aliene & make over unto one John Tucker of
the Cliffs aforesaid One hundred and fifty Acres of the afores-
Tract of Land being the Southernmost part of the said 1250
Acres And also the said Richard Bennet did for divers good
Causes Bargain sell Aliene & make over unto one Thomas
Sterling Five hundred Acres of the aforesaid parcel of Land
being the Middlemost part of the said 1250 Acres & further
the said Richard Bennet did for good Considerations make
Over unto one Stephen Benson the remaining Six hun-
dred Acres of Land being the Northernmost part of the said
1250 Acres but the said Stephen Benson afterwards for good
Reasons & Considerations did release & discharge & make
Void the aforesaid Bill of Sale for the Six hundred Acres afores-
& after that did purchase of the said Rich^d Bennet only Two
hundred Acres of the said Land which the said Richard Bennet
did for divers Considerations Bargain sell Aliene & make over
to the said Benson lying to the Northward of the said Sterling
500 Acres & also the said Richard Bennet did for divers good
Causes & Considerations Bargain sell Aliene & make over
to one Francis Malden your Honourable Petitioner the Northern-
most & Remaining part of the aforesaid Parcel of Land Sup-
posed