

To the Proprietarys Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Property

The humble petition of John Hillyard of y<sup>e</sup> County of Kent,  
In the behalfe of his Brother Charles Hillyard, an Orphan.

Sheweth

That in the yeare 1684 your petition<sup>r</sup>s father John Hillyard Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased, by  
Virtue of a Warrant from y<sup>e</sup> Court of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> County of Kent, had a Tract of Land  
Surveyed, Called whitethall next adjoyntinge to y<sup>e</sup> Land he y<sup>e</sup> lived on, Containinge  
one hundred & Ten Acres or thereabouts, by Rich<sup>d</sup> Mitchell y<sup>r</sup> Dep<sup>ty</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup> who  
soon after dyed, without makeing any returne of y<sup>e</sup> same, & his field book being  
lost y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Survey could not be found, and the said John Hillyard sen<sup>r</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> time  
of his death by his last Will and Testament bequeathed y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> land to his Son  
Tho: Hiliard who in some time after alsoe dyed, & thereable it fell to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Charles  
Hillyard, who is like to be defrauded of his Just right by means of some evil  
minded people, Not withstandinge your petitioner hath paid rent and Tax for  
the same.

Therefore your petition<sup>r</sup>s in behalfe of the said Orphan, & that he  
may not be Circumvented humbly Craves that you will be pleased  
to grant him a Spetiall Warrant to Survey & lay out the said Land  
for y<sup>e</sup> said Orphan & yo<sup>r</sup> petition<sup>r</sup>s as in duty bound

Shall pray &c

Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1693

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in  
the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made  
conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of  
February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused  
the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg,  
this Eighteenth day of March 1910

*Henry Hoover*  
Secretary of Internal Affairs.