Petition to the General Assembly
To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freeman of The Delaware State in General Assembly met.
The Petition of divers Inhabitants of Sussex County
Humbly Sheweth

That the sufferings of your Constituents in general thro the State and in this County in particular, for several years past, from the Scarcity of Cash, the number of Debts both Public & Private necessarily contracted during the late War and the consequent increase of Taxes, have reduced many of the Good People of this County to the lowest State of Misery and want.

That so far from any prospect of Relief We find the Evil rapidly increasing, becoming more dreadful in its appearance and more destructive in its effects. Our property is sold, and many of the virtuous but poor inhabitants of the County with large and helpless families, are turned out of Doors by their merciless and unfeeling creditors who frequently purchase their property at a third, fourth or fifth part of its real value.

Knowing that your Honors were intimately acquainted with our declining and ruinous circumstances, We have for several months looked up to our Representatives in Assembly with confidence of support and Relief. Unwilling to dictate to your Honors; We have for a long time remained, in silent expectation; but necessity has at length conditioned us to p· tition and beseech your Honors, in the most pressing and urgent manner, to grant your distressed Constituants the only relief which now remains and which alone can save the State from Ruin, Anarchy & Destruction.

That we allude to the Emission of a paper currency must evidently appear to your Honors. We trust to an Assembly of your Wisdom and Integrity it will be unnecessary to point out the particular mode of emitting it. We suppose with deference to the Judgment of our worthy Representatives that the usual method by Loan will appear both convenient and practicable.

Resting therefore in a firm Reliance that your Honors will grant the above mentioned or some other relief. We trust and Hope