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April 30. 1732

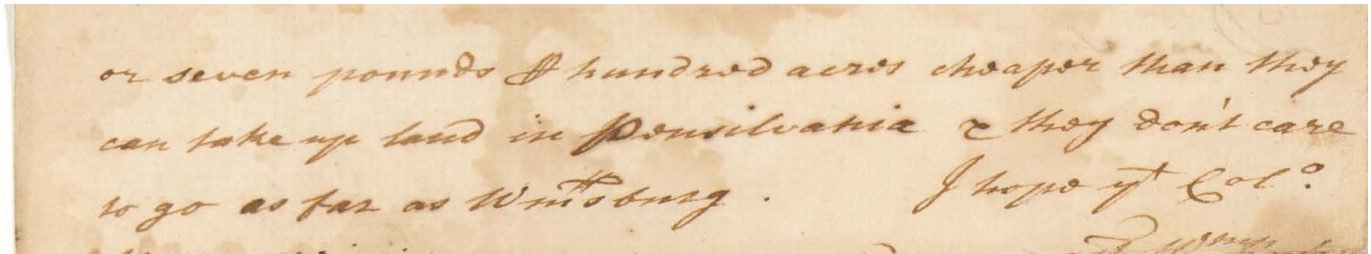
Dear Sir

I am perswaded that I can get a number of people from Pennsylvania to settle on Shenandoe if I can obtain an order of Council for some Land there, and I beg of favour of you to get me an order at the first Council held after you receive this, for fifteen thousand acres of Land lying on both sides of the main River of Shenandoe to include an old field called and known by the name of Massanutting town & running back & above & below the same on the river to include the Quantity, of the main river being of which runs at the foot of the great ridge of mountains commonly called the blue ridge & being those we know in this Colony by the name of the high Mountains, and because I would not have a dispute with any body or endeavour to supplant them I desire you will please to search in the Council Office whether any order now in force has been granted for the said Massanutting & if there has not then I hope I shall obtain my desire, for the Northern men are fond of buying land there because they can buy it for Six

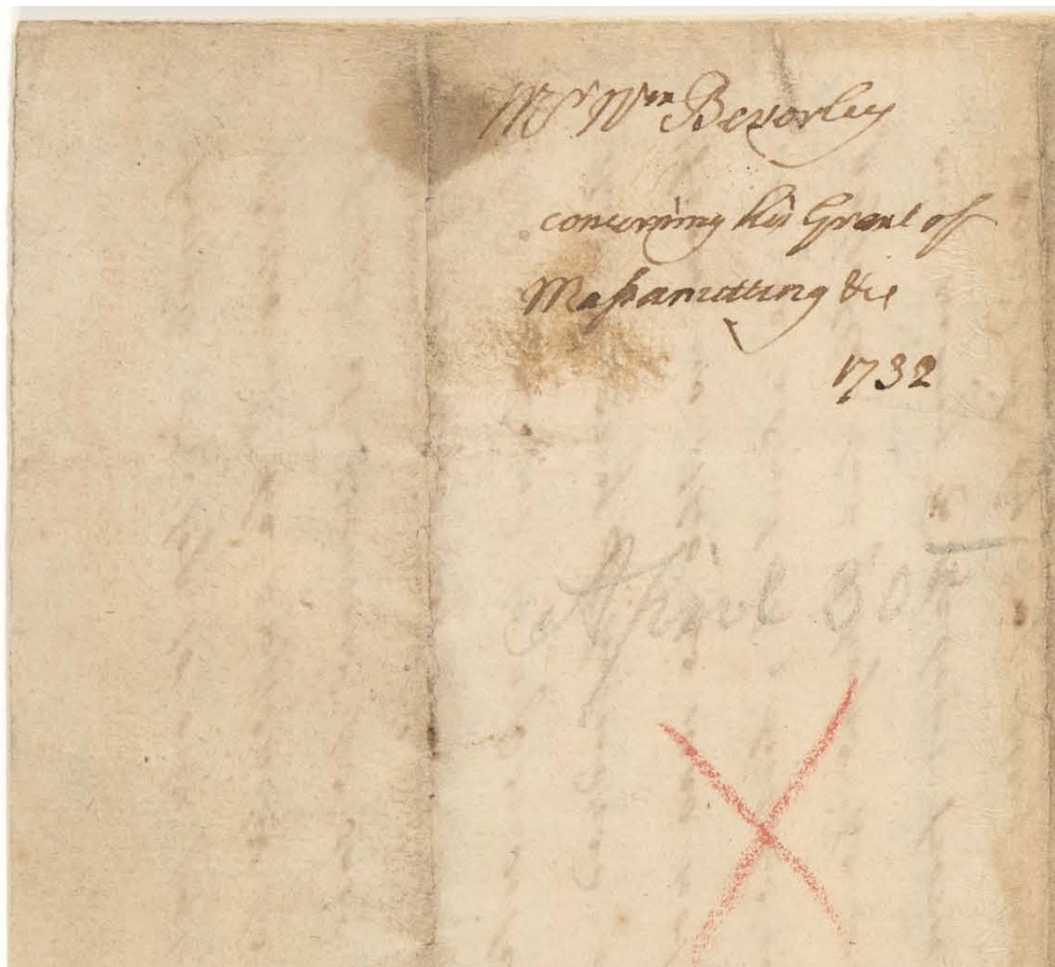
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or seven pounds A hundred acres cheaper than they
can take up land in Pennsylvania & they don't care
to go as far as Wm'sburg. I hope y^t Col?



W^m Beverley
concerning his Grant of
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