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To the Hōnble the Governour and Councill of the
Province of Maryland

The Humble Complaint of Thomas Cornwallis Esq
against m^r Thomas Gerrard Gent

Humbly Sheweth.

That Whereas, Richard Ingle Marriner for and in consideracon of a Cargo of Goods delivered to the Said Richard Ingle to be transported into Maryland to the Complainants agent there, As alsoe for a Great Quantity of Tobacco taken by the Said Ingle belonging to the Complainant together with the plundering of his house and destroying of his Stock to the damage of the Com^{pl}t: at the least two or three thousand pounds Sterling, did after a long and Chargeable Suit Com^{po}und with the Com^{pl}t and for the Satisfaction of his damage together with the Goods and Tobaccos received by him, Agree and accordingly did transferr & make over unto the Said Complain^t all bills, bonds, debts and Accompts due unto him the Said Ingle in Virg^a or Maryland to the Sole use and benefitt of the Com^{pl}t his heires and Assignes for Ever, as by a Deed with a Schedule annexed under the hand and Seale of the Said Richard Ingle doth and may Appeare, Now So it is that the Said Thomas Gerrard takeing advantage of the Com^{pl}t's absence and having as it is probable Combined with his Attorney or at least making use of his Great Negligence, did after he had Seen the Said Conveyance and as himself confesseth taken a Copie of it, And consequently knowing the conversion of the Said Estate from the Said Ingle did notwithstanding under a pretence of damage received by the Said Ingle, procure a Judgm^t against the Said Ingles Estate, By Vertue whereof and the favour of the then Governour of Virg^a he obtained a particular Warr^t from the Said Governour of Virginia for the Imprisonm^t of Cap^t William Stone now Governour of this Province untill he delivered up unto the Said Thomas Gerrard a Great part of the Estate, formerly conveyed to the Com^{pl}t being then in the Custody of the Said Cap^t Stone, Whereupon the Said m^r Gerrard possest himself of a Great part of the Said Estate, Contrary as the Com^{pl}t humbly conceives both to Law and Equity refusing to restore the Same unto the Com^{pl}t, for which he humbly craveth the Judgment of this Court, for repossessing of him of his Said Estate Soe unjustly taken from him by the untrue Suggestions of the Said m^r Gerrard, and the arbitrary power of the aforesaid Governour together with Such damage as Shall appeare incurred by the Said Com^{pl}t by the unjust detention of his Estate and the writings belonging thereunto, whereby many debts are lost, and the Said Estate much imbezelled, and your Petitioner Shall ever pray &c: