

Liber K. and made so evidently to appear to the Iustices of the said County Court, that they approved of and ordered your Petitioners Conveyance from the said Nathaniel to be also recorded and the former granted to the said Hopkins did seeme to be Unjust fraudulent and Surreptitiously obtained.

p. 57 Now may it Please your Honours the better to corroborate and Confirm your Petitioners just and equitable right and title to the Premises in regard the said Hopkins hath anticipated your Petitioner in recording his conveyance aforesaid your Petitioner humbly prays an order from this Honourable Board may issue to the Iustices of the said County Court to vacate annull and make void by an order of their Court the Conveyance and record thereof to the said Hopkins as surreptitiously and fraudulently obtained and confirm that of your Petitioners as his just and equitable right and title

And shall pray &c<sup>a</sup>

which Petition was thus answered and endorsed (viz<sup>t</sup>)

By the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Councill Oct<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1692

The tenor of the Petition containing matter of Law this Board cannot take cognizance thereof, but refer the same to be decided by the Law: howbeit it seemeth to this Board that the Petitioner hath the most just and equitable right to the Land within mentioned

Sign'd p Order

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Additional Instructions for our Trusty and Wel-beloved Lyonell Copley Esq<sup>re</sup> our Captain Generall and Governor in Chief in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland in America and in his absence to the Governor in Chief of our said Province for the time being

Whereas we have taken notice of the great losses sustained by our Subjects trading to our Plantations in America by the falling of their ships into the hands of the French in their return to England and to the End that all possible means may be used for the security of Merchants ships in their voyage home. Our Will and Pleasure is and we do hereby strictly charge and require you to take care that during this time of Warr no ships be permitted to come from Maryland but in Fleets or under the Convoy or Protection of some of our ships of Warr or at such time as you shall receive notice from hence for their meeting such convoys as may be appointed for the bringing of them safe to some of our Ports in this Kingdome