

Lib. R. teined in the Peticōn At the request of the Peticōner & his Attoⁿey Henry Howard was called & sworne to testifie the truth of his Knowledge in the p^rmisses who being Examined upon Oath Did Declare

That Sam^l Debauck und^r Sheriff to John Welch High Sher. of Anne Arrundell County produced & shewed to John Homewood the Pet^r an Execution for the summe of One Thousand p^{ds} of tob^o for a ffine for not serving as a Justice of Peace in the said County before such time as he the s^d Debauck recd: the 8 hhs. Tob^o mentioned in the Peticōn, and that he the Deponent Desired the said Homewood to give him some Credit with the Sheriff in case he should overpay him w^{ch} the said Homewood promised to Doe & further the Depon^t saith not

The Attoⁿneys on both sides and the pties themselves being fully heard what they had to alleadge, The Peticōner was willing to referr the same to the Discretion & judgem^t of the Governo^r and Councill, whereunto M^r Christopher Rousby and p. 49 M^r Robert Ridgely Attoⁿneys for John Welsh Did voluntarily and freely consent & resolved to stand to and abide their judgem^t

Whereupon it is considered and the Governo^r and Councill are of Opinion that John Welsh by Samuel Debauck his und^r Sher. did illegally execute and Deteine the Servant and Doe therefore ord^r that the said Servant be forthwith returned to John Homewood his Ma^r And that the said Welsh pay unto the said John Homewood four thousand pounds of tob^o for Damages & the Servants time five moneths in his possession. And accordingly issued forth the foll: Ord^r viz

By the Governo^r & Councill

Octob: 15th 1678:

Whereas John Homewood of Anne Arrundel County Exhibited his Peticōn this 15th Day of Octob: against John Welsh High Sheriff of Anne Arrundell County for that he the s^d Welsh did illegally Execute a man Servant by trade a Taylor from him the said Homewood & kept the s^d Servant in his possession ever since the moneth of May last contrary to right and justice and to the great Damage of him the s^d Homewood und^r pretence of Executing the same for a fine of One Thousand pounds of tob^o due to his L^{pp} the Lord Prop^{ty} notwithstanding the said Homewood had duely & truly paid the said ffine, and whereas M^r Christopher Rousby & M^r Robert Ridgely Attoⁿneys for the said Welsh did freely & voluntarily consent to submitt to the judgem^t of the Governo^r & Councill, who having fully heard and Examined the p^rmisses and severall allegations on both sides are of Opinion