

Liber R. 3^{dly} for the profitts recd: by Raspin to whom he is Adm^r and 4^{thly} an Ejectm^t to recover possession; and being afraid Marshall might runn away out of this Province before your Pet^{rs} dues were paid or Raspins Estate accompted for your Pet^r sued out a Ne exeat Provincia to stay his goeing till he gave security to answer the s^d Actions.

That being arrested on the said writts he cannot find security but is now in the Sheriffes custody in the prison of Charles County, and yet he and his people continue to keepe possession of the said Mill, and receive the profitts thereof which is now very considerable, and will before your Pet^{rs} can bring the s^d Actions to tryall in the Prov^l Court amount to a greate summe of Tobacco and the s^d Mills and Mill Damm and houses are very much out of repaire, and if not speedily prevented the Damm will breake and the Mills be rendred useless, or at least cost a greate deale to repaire, and the s^d Marshall not onely neglects to have the same repaired and amended, but hath also threatned with oathes in the p^rsence
 p. 343 of your Pet^r and four other credible witnesses of the s^d County, that if your Pet^r would not give him his Demands he would burne the Mills for he built them.

Now fforasmuch as your Pet^r is onely a Steward for Credito^{rs} Legatees, a widow and two Orphans, and your Pet^r hath a considerable duty of Debts & Legacies to discharge which cannot be paid without sale of the premisses; and if yo^r Pet^r or some for him doe not looke after the same, they may in a short time (it is to be feared) stand in as much charge of repaireing as they are worth

Your Pet^r therefore humbly Implores your L^d^{spp} serious Consideration of yo^r Pet^{rs} case, and that your L^d^{spp} will be pleased to ord^r the said Mills to be putt into the possession of the sheriff of Charles County or one or two of the Justices of the peace liveing in S^t Maries or Charles County next adjoineing to the s^d Mill, and that he or they and none else may receive the toll and profitts of the said Mill, and dispose thereof (till the determination of the accōns afores^d) for the vse of such p^rson as by the Justices of the Prov^l Court shall adjudge such profitts to be paid unto, and that your Pet^r may retaine the possession of the two Roomes of which he was putt into possession by Marshall, and which he is still in possession off, that your Pet^r with the privacy and directions of the p^rsons by yo^r L^d^{spp} appointed as afores^d may the better oversee and see to the reparation of the Mills, Mill Damm, houses, ffences, and the p^rmisses afores^d

And your Pet^r as in Duty bound shall every pray &c.

James Bodkin