

place to place as he requested, but towards day the said Tovey called for your pet<sup>r</sup> and desired that one other of the Justices might be sent for to proove his Accompts (those parts which he himself had kept) touching his Ordinary, which was done; and at nine of the Clock thereabouts came severall neighbours to see him, and some upon other business, he still being sensible, and knew them all, and spake to them all as they came to him, but some time after he desired to be turned on his other side, and then departed this life, At which time Edward Swettnam with other assistance helped to lay him forth for his funerall and some time after the said Swettnam with the rest were all of opinion that there was a will by him made in the house, as also two Chests of goods in the Store loft, and also that there was money in the house, such a report being given (long before his marriage with his last wife) by one William Key who had tended the said Tovey in his former sickness; the summe being said to be two hundred pounds sterling; upon which consideration, and for that he haveing two Children in England, the said Swettnam with the rest desired your pet<sup>r</sup> to ask the widow to give leave to looke for a will in the places aforesaid, which she was not willing to doe at first, but afterwards consented; but nothing of the premisses was found, but one large bright key that there was noe lock to; which gave some suspition, upon w<sup>ch</sup> occasion she the said Anne Tovey hath invented and exhibited a scandalous Libell against your Pet<sup>r</sup> in the Office for probate of wills &c. which said libell could not be exhibited without the assistance of others. Lib. R. R. R. p. 78

The p<sup>r</sup>misses considered your pet<sup>r</sup> humbly prayes your L<sup>sp</sup>: that a Commission may be granted to Coll Henry Coursey with some other Justice or Justices of the peace to examine the said Anne Tovey concerning the aforesaid matters, and to have inspection into the p<sup>r</sup>misses that your pet<sup>r</sup> may be releived in the same, and that Justice may be done therein according to the Lawes of this Province in that case made.

W<sup>ch</sup> petition was thus subscribed (viz.)

The petition is granted by

C: Baltemore

accordingly issued the foll Commission (viz)

Com<sup>on</sup> to Coll. Coursey Capt. W<sup>m</sup> Lawrence, & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> ffrisby  
to Examine int. Ringold & Tovey.

Maryl<sup>d</sup> ss:

Charles Absolute Lord and Prop<sup>ty</sup> of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. To Coll Henry Coursey of Talbott County, Cap<sup>ta</sup> William Lawrence, and M<sup>r</sup> William ffrisby of Kent County greeeting.