

Lib. X. Cecil County

The Deposition of Adam Short of Christina River upon Delaware but late of Cecil County in Maryland aged fifty three years or thereabouts of and Concerning an unlawful force Committed by David Evans of the welch Tract upon his possession at Elk River and upon the Branches of a Back Creek issueing out of the same being sworn upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth

That sometime in Iuly in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and twenty he made a purchase of a tract of Land called Green Meadows Containing One hundred sixty and two Acres located as above from a Certain Alexander Frazier, and was thereof legally possessed upon the Surrender of the premises to him by Barbara the relict of David Perry the first taker up of the said Land by Maryland right, who by her self and late Husband had lived in the quiet possession thereof for more than sixteen years, he further deposeth that being in such manner in lawful possession of the premises aforesaid, he received a Letter some time in December last, from Col^o John French of New Castle upon Delaware, importing, that he desired to speak with this deponent at Christiana Bridge near New Castle, whereupon this Deponent went immediately there to know the Occasion of this Message, Col^o French thereupon told him that a Complaint was made against him by M^r David Evans one of the Justices and Sole Purchaser of the welch Tract that he this deponent was seated upon some part of the Welch Tract a^d and that if it were true then that he this deponent could not
 p. 15 hold it, but that if he were out of the Circular Line Adam said he you have the best Title to it of any Body that I know, however replied he again, M^r Evans and I will Consider further of it, and Woud send me their Answer within two or three days, but at the same time told this deponent, that he would advise him (this deponent meaning) that if he were within their Circular Line (that is the twelve miles Circle about New Castle) he had best go of, for the first loss would be the least, this deponent farther saith that within some small time after, he received another Letter from Col^o French afores^d informing that he and M^r Evans had Considered of the thing, and that this deponents plantation lay as M^r Evans told him, within the Welch Tract, and further advised this deponent as a friend to go of quietly, or else must prove that his said plantation lay in Maryland, for that he must prove the one or loose the other this deponent further saith he having Communication with Col^o French at sundry times Afterwards, the said Col^o John French told this deponent, that the best thing he could advise him, was, to leave the