

In some short Time after the above Affair M^r Jerome Lib. C. B. Plummer made another Complaint to Your Complainant ag^t three of the said Chews Negroes, setting forth that they had stolen a Parcel of Turkeys from him, whereupon Your Complainant issued his Warrant against the said Negroes, and the Constable in the Execution of his Office applyed himself to the said Chew acquainting him that he had a Warrant against three of his Negroes, upon which the said Chew demanded a Sight of his Warrant, the Constable not mistrusting the said Chews Design shewed it to him, and immediately he put it in his Pockett, and would not afterwards deliver it, nor suffer the Constable to apprehend his Negro's telling the Constable they should never appear before Your Complainant: Your Complainant humbly conceives that these and such like Behaviours are bold & daring Contempts of Authority, which if not timely prevented by Your Excellency (who has the only Right to interpose) must and will be attended with dangerous Consequences, the dreadful Effects of which Your Complainant hopes will be prevented by your Excys timely Interposition, and Your Complainant as in Duty bound will pray

Sam Smith

24th Jan^{ry} 1738/9

Mess^{rs} { Anthony Gott }
 { Thomas Wells } are Gentlemen who can prove the
 { Jn^o Bickerton } Truth of the within Complaint

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board send M^r Chew a Copy of the said Petition, and give him Notice, if he has any thing to alledge in his Justification, to attend this Board on Thursday next And It is likewise Ordered M^r Smith have Notice to p. 22 attend at the same Time

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency the Governor in the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 22^d of February in the twenty fourth year of his Lordps Dominion Annoq Domini 1738.

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor

The Hon^{ble} { Benjamin Tasker Esq^r } James Hollyday Esq^r
 { George Plater Esq^r } Col Char. Hammond
 { Edmund Jenings Esq^r } Col Levin Gale

M^r Samuel Chew and M^r Samuel Smith appearing according to Order of this Board of the 20th Instant M^r Chew presents to this Board his Answer to the Complaint preferred ag^t him by M^r Smith in the words following.