

the Sheriff to his own use, that this Deponant Paid the fines or fees of Isaac Miller, Henry Backdolt, Melcar Wherfield at their Request and his own; that most of the said Persons owed no more than half a years Rent, this Deponant took particular Notice that Jacob Brouner was Charged Six Pence Sterling for half a years Rent of 25 acres which was in a Seperate Tract which he Paid and also Paid the Sheriff fifteen Shillings Currency for his fee that Thomas Johnson owed but six pence Sterling which he Paid and Also Paid fifteen Snillings to the Sheriff, that no Distress was made or taken by the Sheriff or his Deputy on any of the said Persons to this Deponants knowledge, or that he ever heard of and believes there was not any, and for Cause of his belief saith that some Days before the Sheriff was at Frederick Town this Deponant saw James Dickson the under Sheriff who told this Deponant that he was going to give the People Notice that the Sheriff would be at Frederick Town on a Day which the said Dickson mentioned, to Receive the Quit Rents and that the said Dickson Requested this Deponant to acquaint as many of his Neighbours and others as he could of the same, which this Deponant Promised to do, and accordingly did, That this Deponant haveing heard of the Sheriffs having a List (called black List) Inquired of M^r Ignatius Digges, how many Persons were in the List, who told this Deponant, there were above an hundred, And this Deponant further saith that a Great Number of the Germans and some others were so much alarmed by the Sheriffs Proceedings, that Several of them have already Left the Province, and others have declared, that as soon as they could Sell what they were Possessed off, they would go away, many of the Germans declaring, that they being Oppressed in their Native Country, Induced them to Leave it, and that they were Apprehensive of being Equally oppressed here, and that therefore they would go away to avoid it

Stephen Ransbergen

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The Deposition of Joseph Ogle of Prince Georges County Gent. being of full age. This Deponant being duly Sworn on the holy Evangels Deposeth and Saith that he is very well acquainted with a great many of the Germans, who are Settled in the Back Parts of the County, and that many of them have of Late Expressed Great Uneasiness at the Rigorous Treatment, which they Complained of having Received from the Sheriff, and declared they would Leave the Province, which some have actually done that by all this Deponant could Learn