

acres in Severalty under Certain Metes and Bounds and Your Petitioner further humbly Sheweth that the aforesaid Thomas Gassaway had leased the said Parcell of Land to one Augustus Brown who in Virtue of the said Lease possessed the same, that one Hugh Ross agreeing with the said Thomas for the purchase thereof he the said Thomas removed the said Augustus Brown and gave Possession of the said Premises to the said Hugh Ross and the said Hugh Continued under the aforesaid Act of Thomas Gassaway untill your Petitioner became intituled to the Premises as af<sup>d</sup> and the said Hugh not having paid one farthing of the Money he was to have paid upon the agreement af<sup>d</sup> your Petitioner let him know that he expected that he would deliver up possession or make a purchase thereof Whereupon the said Hugh agreed again with your Petitioner for the Purchase of the said Land but he not complying with the Agreement, and your Petitioner apprehending from his Evasive Conduct that he intended to Trifle with your Petitioner your Petitioner gave publick Notice that he would Sell the Land to the highest bidder and in order to Defeat your Petitioners said Purpose & to deprive him of any use of the Premises the said Hugh Ross sometime this Spring Applied for a Warrant and has Actually taken up the said Land under the Government of Pensilvania and in Virtue thereof Claims it as his Right and your Petitioner further Sheweth that your Petitioner has demanded Possession of the said Hugh Ross and threatened to Sue him for detaining the same but your Petitioner has been deterred from so doing by the said Hugh his threatening that he would Treat your Petitioner as Dudley Digges was treated and your Petitioner being apprehensive that some Violence wou'd be offered to any Person who should Attempt to Arrest the said Hugh Ross or to your Petitioner if he should Attempt to regain Possession of the said Land by an Entry, Has therefore thought it his duty humbly to Represent his Case to your Excellency and to Supplicate your Protection, and Hopes your Excellency will take the Premises into your Consideration and give your Petitioner such Relief therein as may be meet and Suitable to the Nature of his Case

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And your Petitioner pray &c William Keene

The foregoing Petition being Read Ordered that the Petitioner make Affidavit before some Provincial Magistrate of the facts contained in the said Petition being True, and that he Return the said Affidavit to the Clerk of this Board who is hereby Ordered upon Return thereof to desire the said Provincial Magistrate to issue his Warrant for apprehending