

joining, was read, at the same time a certain Arthur Alexander, being present, did set forth that he was the Person who first Discovered the said Vacancy and therefore prayed a Lease for the same. Lib. No. 86

A Petition was also read from a certain Mathew Sedgwick for a renewal of the demised Premises to him, setting forth that they were left by Will to the widow of Richard Sedgwick with whom he had intermarried and also praying a Lease for Fifty Acres of Land part of said Manor Surveyed for the said Richard Sedgwick in his Life time. Ordered, that the Petitions and Papers relative thereto be referred for further Consideration on a future Day; neither of the Parties having produced sufficient Vouchers to entitle them to a Preference.

The Petition of Thomas Hyde was read praying an Order for a warrant of Resurvey on a Lot and Ground adjoining his Tan yard in the City of Annapolis, he being willing to purchase said Ground, made by the filling up a Creek. M<sup>r</sup> Hyde having made an application. His Excellency the Governor was pleased to signify, that if M<sup>r</sup> Hyde would have a Petition drawn to the Lord Proprietor, he would forward the Same, that in case his Lordship chose to dispose of said Vacancy he might have the Preference.

The Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of Somerset & Worcester Counties was then read setting forth that in the year 1751. they had Contracted with William Winder then Steward of Wicomico Manor for sundry Tenements to be under Lease for Lives, in consequence of which they had been at considerable Expence in getting the same Surveyed, had settled thereon and made considerable Improvements, but by unforeseen Accidents they had hitherto been prevented from obtaining Leases therefor. The Board are of opinion that it is reasonable and just they should be redressed in such a manner as to put them in the State they would have been in had Leases been then Executed, and therefore Advised that the Leases made out and only executed by the then Agent and the Tenant, be further Completed by his Excellency the Governor who might assign the Reason therefor, in case the same should be satisfactory and if otherwise, that the Tenants must necessarily be at the Expence of new Leases, which may be Executed for and during the Lives that are still in Being and were to have been inserted at the Time of Contract; satisfactory Proof being first produced of the Identity of the Persons. p. 108

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board do write to Hugh Hamersly Esq<sup>r</sup> requesting the Favour of him to signify from time to time the Amount and Receipt of Remittances made his