

Liber FF returnable on the first day of August as aforesaid, Giuen und^r my hand this 29th day of May 1665—

June first Edward Russell \bar{a} ds writt ags^t Marmaduke Snowe In an accōn uppon his Case to the uallue of fifteene hundred pounds of tobaccoe Warr^t to sherriffe of S^t Marys County to arrest &c. Ret: \bar{p} ^{ma} August next Prouin^{all} Court

To the Rig^t Hon^{ble} the Gouverno^r & Councell of Maryland in Pro- uinciall Court

The humble petⁿ of Edward Russell Humbly sheweth

[p. 34] That whereas yo^r pet^r being formerly a seru^t unto M^r Thomas Gerrard of S^t Clements Manno^r and hee the said Gerrard out of his good will and pleasure then yo^r pet^r minding to encourage in the faythfull discharge of his seruitude, did unto yo^r pet^r giue a Certaine Cow of Culler Red, wth a Bull Calfe by her side, marked on the left Eare wth a fflower De-Luce; and underkeeled of the Rig^t all which will and may appeare by a Certaine Writing und^r the hand of the said Thomas Gerrard, Bearing date the 17th day of October Ann^o 1663, now may it please this Hon^{ble} Courte; the s^d Thomas Gerrard being ejected out of the said Manno^r of S^t Clements By M^r Marmaduke Snow where the aforesaid Cow and Calfe was giuen yo^r pet^r and where they doe likewise now Remaine and abide the said Cow and Calfe since the said Snowes possōn of the aforesaid Manno^r; By finding into the possōn of the said Snow did come, and now there doe remaine; and yo^r pet^r understanding the p^rmisses did in a Ciuill manner unto the said Snow Repaire att the manno^r howse of S^t Clements called Mattapanent at or about the 27th of this instant May; then & there in the p^rsence of diuers wittnesses did of him the said Snow demand the said Cow and Calfe before men^ōned being now a yearling steere unto yo^r pet^r to deliuer but the said Snow yo^r pet^r mindeing to Cheate Cozen and Defraud, Did then and still doth refuse unto yo^r pet^r the said Cow and Calfe to deliuer: the which he in Justice and Conscience ought to haue done, And yo^r Pet^r being a poor ffreeman and hauing nothing else but his handes to Administer to his necessities being depriued soe unjustly of his Cow and Calfe and soe likewise hindred from the rest of her encrease which may hereafter come is therefore allmost driuen to Impouerishm^t

Yo^r poore petitioner Doe therefore in most humble wise Pray (the p^rmisses considered) that yo^r pet^r may be by this Hon^{ble} Court Redressed against the s^d Snow, that he may haue Judgm^t for his Cow & Calfe and what other encrease she shall haue in the Interim hanging this suite and likewise be awarded his Just and reasonable Damages and Cost of suite ags^t the s^d Snow—And yo^r humble pet^r shall as in duty bound Euer pray &c—

Edward Russell

May the last 1665