

Liber FF did demise & to ffarme lett unto Nicholas Gwyther & Thomas Jackson their Executo<sup>rs</sup> & Admist<sup>rs</sup>ors one neck or parcell of Land w<sup>th</sup> one Island called by th<sup>e</sup> name of S<sup>t</sup> Margaretts Island Contayning in all seauen hund<sup>d</sup> Acres of Land, To haue & to hold unto th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Nicholas & Thomas their executo<sup>rs</sup> & assignes for & during th<sup>e</sup> tearme of one and Twenty yeares from th<sup>e</sup> ffeast of th<sup>e</sup> Natiuity commonly called Christmasse w<sup>ch</sup> was in th<sup>e</sup> yeare of our Lord God 1643 & fully to bee compleate & ended, In w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Lease It is further expressed, That it is Lawfull for th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Nicholas & Thomas to renew their s<sup>d</sup> Deed paying to th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Gerard his heyres executo<sup>rs</sup> or assignes, One yeareling heifer ffine, & soe from one & Twenty yeares to one & Twenty yeares paying th<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> ffine to th<sup>e</sup> Worlds End: w<sup>th</sup>out molestāon or trouble of him th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas his heyres or assignes for th<sup>e</sup> time being, as by th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Deed (relāon thereunto had) by th<sup>e</sup> originall & likewise remayning uppon Record in this hon<sup>ble</sup> Court more fully & att large it doth & may appeare.

Now soe it is, may it please yo<sup>r</sup> hon<sup>rs</sup> That th<sup>e</sup> Complayn<sup>t</sup> meerely intending fraudulently to Eiect th<sup>e</sup> dēft out of posses<sup>n</sup> of th<sup>e</sup> premises & to depriue him of th<sup>e</sup> Benefitt of th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Deed according to the true intent & meaning thereof, unlesse by yo<sup>r</sup> hon<sup>rs</sup> graue Judgments releued therein.

Hee therefore being unskillfull in th<sup>e</sup> Law humbly desyres this hon<sup>ble</sup> Bench uppon Considerāon of th<sup>e</sup> premises to Continue him in th<sup>e</sup> posses<sup>n</sup> thereof according to th<sup>e</sup> Tenor of th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Deed w<sup>th</sup> Damages & Costs of suite, And as in duty Bownd Hee will euer pray &c:

[p. 97] The p<sup>lf</sup> replies, That th<sup>e</sup> Land was Lett to Two of them, one whereof is since Dead, & th<sup>e</sup> time of one & Twenty yeares is exs<sup>py</sup>red. The dēft answeres 'tis true, But Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholas Gwyther nominated in th<sup>t</sup> Deed, according to th<sup>e</sup> Deed being yett lyuing Claimes Tittle.

Then putt to th<sup>e</sup> Vote whither Gwyther had power to renew th<sup>e</sup> Lease as th<sup>e</sup> Case stands? But uppon motion hath formerly assigned all his Right & Tittle in th<sup>t</sup> Lease to Thomas Jackson mentioned allso in th<sup>t</sup> Lease w<sup>ch</sup> hee is now not able to proue. The p<sup>lf</sup> desyres Respite 'till next Prouinciall Court to proue th<sup>e</sup> same, w<sup>ch</sup> was graunted.

Thomas Gerard Esq<sup>z</sup> came into Court & owneth Will<sup>m</sup> Caluert Esq<sup>z</sup> his Attorney att th<sup>e</sup> next Prouinciall Court in this Cause, & accepted by him.

Thomas Gerard Esq<sup>z</sup> p<sup>lf</sup> }  
George King dēft } Compownded.

Thomas Gerard Esq<sup>z</sup> p<sup>lf</sup> } The p<sup>lfs</sup> Pet<sup>n</sup> Read. The dēft in answer,  
Marmaduke Snowe dēft } Denyes th<sup>e</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup>, But sayth That hee is ready to allow & pay what is iustly due. The p<sup>lf</sup> then produceth his acc<sup>t</sup> for 5034<sup>t</sup> Tob, Out of w<sup>ch</sup> th<sup>e</sup> dēft acknowledgeth 1646<sup>t</sup> Tob