

W<sup>m</sup> Leeds Plaintiffe }  
 Henry Clay defendt } Ordered ut supra

Liber F F

Thomas Gerrard p<sup>l</sup>t : } Thomas Nottley the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>s</sup> Attorney desires an  
 Richard ffoster def<sup>t</sup> } imparleance untill next Prouinciall Court The  
 p<sup>l</sup>t himsef not being p<sup>r</sup>sent who hath all writeings w<sup>th</sup> him, and  
 him the said Nottley somewhat a stranger in the said Cause, which  
 imparleance is by the Board allowed

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> Gouverno<sup>r</sup> & Councell

The humble pet<sup>n</sup> of Jn<sup>o</sup> Bayley Sheweth

That whereas yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> landed into his howse in the month of  
 October 1664 sundry sortes of Goods out of the Hopewell whereof  
 John Sunderland was mast<sup>r</sup> which Goods were Consigned to Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 James Neale by John Joyliffe of Boston as by bill of lading & In-  
 uoyce may appeare to the uallue of Two hundred seauenty three  
 pounds seauen shiff sterling, and the said Goods which by reason  
 of the said vessell went not to Potomack, where expecting onely for  
 an oppertunity to be sent unto the s<sup>d</sup> Neale But soe it is that on the  
 12<sup>th</sup> day of ffebruarye Ensueing whilst yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> was absent from  
 home Reymond Staplefort Entred into yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup>s Chamber as Eui-  
 dently before this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Court hath been made appeared, and there  
 did rip up & break open 3 great packs of the said Goods and them  
 did fraudently beare away to the uallue of Two hundred and nine  
 pounds fourteene shillings and 3 pence sterling, & did hide them in  
 seuerall places of his owne roome the which Goods or the most part  
 of them are still in the sherriffs handes, through which Occasion yo<sup>r</sup>  
 pet<sup>r</sup> hath been uery much dampnified both in the Goods and want  
 of sale thereof as Clearely may appeare—

Therefore yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> Craueth Ord<sup>r</sup> for the Returne of the said Goods  
 Clear of Charges from the sherriffe, that he may send them to the  
 abouesaid Neale according to Consignaçon and yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> as in duty  
 bounde shall pray &<sup>c</sup>:

Reymond Staplefort making his appearance in Court and after  
 some disputes inter him & the petitioner Concerning each Claime  
 to and propriety in the said Goods mençoned in the foregoeing pet<sup>n</sup>  
 it is Considered by the Board that the s<sup>d</sup> Goods were onely in the  
 Custody of the said Bayley when first deliuered on shore, and the  
 said Staplefort not producing any papers or Orders Authentick for  
 the making good his Claime to the said Goods

It is therefore Ordered that John Bayley the pet<sup>r</sup> haue those Goods  
 according to the prayer of his pet<sup>n</sup> now in the possession of Charles  
 Brook gen<sup>t</sup>: High sherriffe of Caluert County deliuered him by the