

Liber C D 4.th day of february in the year of our Lord 1674 before us Thomas Sprigg and Robert Carvile Gent by virtue of a Comission on the nature of a writt of mandamus issued out of his Lordships Court of Chancery to us directed by the Oaths of Cuthbert ffenwick John Gittings, John Darnall Robert ffenwick Richard ffenwick Peter Joy, W.^m Innis, John Nuthall, Jonathan Pryter, W.^m Wilson, John Hall and W.^m Hill twelve Good and Lawfull men of the S.^d County Impannelled to Enquire what Lands or Tenem.^{ts} Emperor Smith & Abdelo Martin of the Said County deċed Seized of at the time of their Death as of fee & of what manno.^r & how much those Lands & Tenem.^{ts} are of value by the year in all issues & who the Same do Occupy and who hath paid the Rent for the Same & who is the next heir to the Same lands & of what age the heir is and at
 (fol. 165) what time y^e S.^d Emperor Smith & Abdelo martin dyed w.^{ch} Said Juro.^{ts} upon their Oaths Say as followeth

That they find that George Beckwith and ffrances his wife in Right of the Said ffrances being Seized in fee of a Certain parcell of Land late y^e land of Nicholas Harvey father of her the Said ffrances Called S.^t Joseph's manno.^r & Scituate on the South Side of Putuxent River did by writeing under their hands and Seales bearing date the Eighth day of february 1658 and now to us produced for y^e consideracon therein menċoned fully freely and absolutely Give Grant Bargain Sell assign and Set over unto Emperor Smith and Abdelo Martin all their Right Title and Interest Claim and demand whatsoever of in and to one parcell of Land Scituate Lying on the South Side of Putuxent River by the Back Creek being Surveyed and Laid out for one hundred Sixty and five acres more or Less To have & to hold the S.^d Land with all timber Trees and other Rights & appurtenances to the Same belonging unto the Said Emperor Smith & Abdelo martin their & Either of their heirs for Ever with Warranty ag.^t them the S.^d George and ffrances & their heirs & all Claiming by from or under them any Title or Right whatsoever and that by Virtue of the Said Grant they the Said Emperor Smith & Abdelo martin Entered into & became Seized or possessed of the one hundred Sixty five acres of Land & being So in possession thereof the S.^d Emperor Smith & Abdelo martin made Some Division of the s.^d Land to be held by them in Severalty & not Long after dyed the Said Emperor Smith without issue Leaving the S.^d Abdelo And afterwards to wit about Seven or Eight years Since the Said Abdelo dyed Leaving issue three daughters w.^{ch} they believe are all Liveing and that the Eldest of them is ab.^t 17 years old And the Said Jurors upon their aths do further Say that the S.^d Emperor Smith and Abdelo martin were aliens & dyed w.^{thout} being Naturalized to their knowledge and that Since their Deaths John Peirce and Richard Baily or one of y.^m have been in possession of the S.^d Lands & Still are & that the s.^d Land is worth four hundred pounds of