

Liber C D of the Said John Clarke hath or doth Occuypē their fines & profits hath or doth receive & by what title & how & in what manno.<sup>r</sup> & who hath paid the Rent for the Same & to whom, And the Inquisition thereof distinctly & openly made to us in our Chancery under y.<sup>r</sup> hand, & Seal & the hands & Seals by whom it shall be made w.<sup>thout</sup> delay you Send & this writt Wittness our Self at our City of S.<sup>t</sup> maries the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July in the 44.<sup>th</sup> year of our Dominion &c<sup>a</sup> Annoq̄ Dñi 1675

July 9.<sup>th</sup> 1675

Mandamus then issued to Thomas Sprigg & Cuthbert ffenwick of Calv<sup>t</sup> County Gent that by the Oaths of xij &c they Enquire what Lands Charles Bird dyed Seized of &c ret. without delay

(fol. 170) To his Excellency the Cap.<sup>t</sup> Gen.<sup>ll</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> of maryland

The humble pet.<sup>n</sup> of Margaret Bird Widdow

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Humbly desireth that yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency would be pleased to hearken to yo.<sup>r</sup> peti<sup>o</sup>n.<sup>rs</sup> distressed Condition by the death of her late husband Charles Bird who having in his Lifetime purchased two ꝓcells of Land Containing one hundred and Sixty acres w.<sup>ch</sup> Said ꝓcells of land are adjoyning upon your Excellencys manno.<sup>r</sup> of Calverton w.<sup>ch</sup> Said ꝓcells of Land the s.<sup>d</sup> Charles Bird did Lease out to a Neighbour of his for a Term of years w.<sup>ch</sup> Said Term being now almost Expired yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>rs</sup> humble Request to your Excellency is that She may have the Said Lands for her Child whom She had by her former husband, because it was the Verball Will of the S.<sup>d</sup> Charles Bird before a woman then liveing in the house w.<sup>ch</sup> was that he did Give the Said Land to his wife dureing her life & after her decease to her Child w.<sup>ch</sup> Said woman hath already Given in her Deposition of the Same w.<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> hath here Ready to show your Excellency hoping yo.<sup>r</sup> Excellency will shew Some mercy towards her distressed Condition in Granting her the Same w.<sup>ch</sup> her husband did will to her being in his perfect Senses ab.<sup>t</sup> a day before he dyed She having no neighbour near that Could write his will & not thinking death was So near at hand w.<sup>ch</sup> by reason of his dying Intestate hath been a Great deal of Charge and trouble to yo<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> who humbly desireth yo.<sup>r</sup> Excellency that She may have her Request Granted her that She may be freed from all other Charge & trouble & if these lines will not fully Satisfie yo.<sup>r</sup> Ex.<sup>cy</sup> yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> will p<sup>r</sup>sently bring those whom may Satisfie w.<sup>ch</sup> is y.<sup>e</sup> humble req.<sup>t</sup> of y.<sup>r</sup> Distressed petition.<sup>r</sup>

Margarett Bird

Subp: John Quigley to Answer a Bill in Chan.<sup>ry</sup> at the Suit of Garret Vansweringen rt 7 may Instant dat 7.<sup>th</sup> may 1675 I. Rousby ꝓ Comp<sup>lt</sup>