

six hundred thirty seven pounds of tobacco of your petitioners effects as also his Chest which was at his lodging, wherein were sundry sorts of goods and his Apparell as also all his bookes accompts letters of Correspondency bills of lading receipts, releases, bills bonds & without producing any Inventory of the said writings neither of the goods nor apparrell which were in the said Chest or any appraisalment that ever was made of them Liber JJ

That your Petitioner knowing himselfe at his departure not to be any thing indebted to Stapelfort but he in your Petitioners debt above one hundred thousand pounds of tobacco left no Attorney for him here to defend the said Action, and coming now in person to demand of Stapelfort to make proof of his said pretended debt in Common forme or to have restitution of his goods, tobaccos and writings, the said Stapelfort refuseth to come to any compliance.

Therefore your Petitioner humbly beseeches your Hon^{rs} would be pleased to cause the said Stapelfort to declare upon his action and to prove his imaginary debt if he can, and not being able so to doe, your Hon^{rs} be pleased to declare the said attachment and all proceedings thereupon invalid or superseded And that the said Stapelfort both by himselfe and his suertes lyable to make restitution unto your Petitioner of all his tobacco goods apparrel and writings and to pay all costs of suite with charges and damages.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray for your Hon^{rs} &c.

Benjamin Rozer entered his Appearance for the said John Balley.

The abovesaid Petition being this day read in Open Court, Day given the said Raymond Stapelfort untill the next Provinciaall Court that he make appeare before the justices there what the Petitioner stands justly indebted to him that such order may be taken therein as to the same justices shall seeme meet.

Upon the prayer of Henry Stockett for the escheate of a parcell of land late in the possession of John Hatton deceased lying on the north side of Rumley Creeke Containeing four hundred Acres Att a Provinciaall Court held at S^t Maries the fiftenth day of December last past before his Lōpps Justices there, which said Justices then Ordered, That notice should be given to the respective Sheriffs of the Countyes of Ann Arrundell and Baltemore Countyes to enquire within their respective Bailiwicks whether any person to the said deceased related or Otherwise could Shew any lawfull cause why the grant or Patent for the said land should not be vacated And that they make their returnes of their Proceedings therein to his Lōpps Justices here at this day, who make returne thereof as follow vizt [p. 10]

In Ann Arrundell County, April the xvth MDClxix

Nullus inventus ꝑ me Thomas Stockett Sheriff.