

" Simon Soper holds 200 acres of land taken up by Abraham Bondwell, the said Bondwell, and his wife being both dead and no heir known.

" Thomas Weymouth held 150 acres of land who is dead and no heir known.

" Thomas Salmon held 150 acres of land, who is dead and left a son in the tuition of James Stavely, the said Stavely, and the orphan of Salmon being both dead and no heirs known.

" One Cornelius held one hundred acres of land, who is dead without issue.

" Per me WILLIAM PEARCE."

" August 16, 1685."

" Order for mandamus to Edward Inglish and George Wardner of Cecil county to make inquisition by a jury, to be by the sheriff of the said county empannelled and sworn whether the said land do escheat, and by what means, and to make return of the whole proceeding into the chancery court of records with all convenient speed.

*Note.* This order was afterwards annulled by a precept in the nature of a supercedeas and mandamus issued anew.

LIBER C. B. No. 1, fol. 149.

" *At a council held at St. Peter's the 9th day of February 1679.*

" To the right honourable the lord proprietary, &c.

" The humble petition of Anthony Worteman of Kent county, Sheweth—That one Pasco Dunn, late of the island of Kent was by patent under the great seal of this province, bearing date the 2d day of September 1664, granted by the late lord proprietary of noble memory, deceased, lawfully seized of a tract of land for one hundred and fifty acres called Pascoe's Adventure, lying on the Isle of Kent, as appeareth upon record, who sold the same to Edward Sparkes, of the county aforesaid, deceased; and the said Edward dying without heir, the land is liable to be escheated to your lordship. Your petitioner doth humbly pray that your lordship will grant a mandamus to enquire by the oaths of twelve honest and lawful men, for that purpose to be empannelled and sworne, what lands or tenements Edward Sparkes dyed seized of, that your lordship may by record be entitled thereunto.

" And then your petitioner most humbly prays the premises being considered, that your lordship will graciously please to admit your petitioner to purchase upon reasonable terms from your lordship, the 150 acres as is before mentioned.

" And your petitioner shall pray, &c."