

Declaration and Liba brought in Court, the matter was somewhat debated, but not fully determined
the result whereof was viz) that it should be continued, giving strictly to abide the award of
m. Cugston and Richard Chambers. and was answered

Did: two Depositions, mentioned in folio 73.

Somerset County in Maryland

The Deposition of Amos Harris aged severally five years or thereabouts, who being duly examined & sworn on the Holy Evangelist, saith, that some small time after the death of m. Gosias Seaward, Walter Laws came to the late dwelling house plantation of the said Seaward, and together with George Seaward did make a firm bargain and agreement with William Woodland about living upon the said plantation and in the said house, the said Woodland being to have one half of what was made on the said plantation, also the whole benefit of the mill of six Cows, and the whole benefit of the Orchard, the said Wm. Woodland being to live and enjoy the said land and premises during the pleasure of the said Laws, or till he should turne them off, and farther this deponent saith that the said Walter Laws in the presence and with the consent of George Seaward did take two Negroes belonging to the estate of Gosias Seaward named Cesar & Doston by the hands and did deliver them to William Woodland to be with him as a Confirmation of the agreement between them, but William Woodlands wife not being satisfied therewith, advised her Husband to take from under the hands of Walter Laws and George Seaward, that they might be assured how long they should enjoy the said land and Negroes &c. and thereupon she spoke to m. Laws her self and desired that his agreement might be in black and white, Walter Laws then made answer, his time was much troubled and troublesome that he could not draw conditions there, but called his Brother John Laws to witness what was done. This deponent saith that George Seaward gave half of what was made, m. Laws made answer that he would make it up to him otherwise or words to that effect. This deponent further saith, that the said Walter Laws did take into his possession and carry away from y^e said plantation one Boal some tarr, and some ring bolts the quantity uncertain of the proper estate of Gosias Seaward deceased and farther saith not.

Amos Harris
made.

Examined and sworn before us underwritten this 29. day of December 1696

Edmund Howard
Thomas Newbold

Somerset County in Maryland

The Deposition of Amos Woodland aged forty one years or thereabouts, who being duly examined & sworn on the Holy Evangelist, saith that some small time after the death of m. Gosias Seaward, Walter Laws came to the late dwelling house of the said Seaward, and together with George Seaward, did make a firm bargain and agreement with her Husband William Woodland about living upon the said plantation & in the said house, the said Woodland being to have the one half of what was made on the plantation, also the whole benefit of the mill of six Cows, and the whole benefit of the Orchard &c.