

In a Court holden the mitty day of June for the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland by their Majesties Justices of the Peace in the 3. year of their Majesties Reign. William & Mary King and Queen over England &c. Anne Bonini 1691.

Mr. Justice of the Peace
in Court 1691
Co. Gabriel Brown, M. Francis Goulet, Cap. John: Under m. James: Round.
m. James: Paschall, m. Thomas: Jones, Cap. John: King.

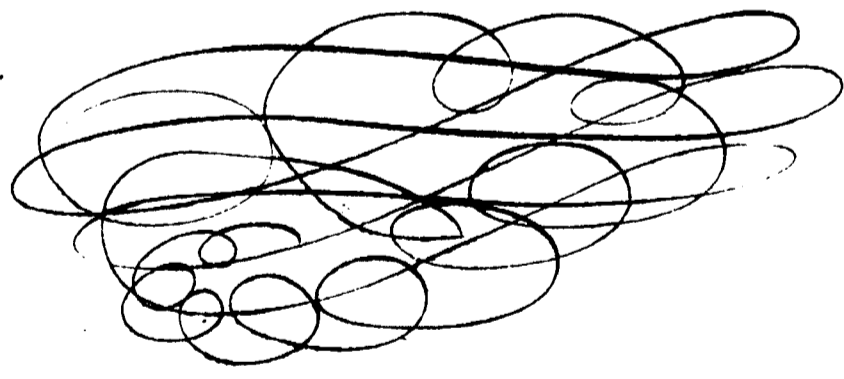
Command was given that the Court should be called, which was officiated by m. Robert: Harris, the Cryer not being there. but half an hour after the Cryer viz. George Nells made his appearance, and upon submission was admitted Cryer as formerly.

The Sheriff of this County in Court returned a List or panel of Orphanes Jury, whose names are inserted as followeth. viz. Thomas: Morris. William: Blunser s. m. John: Freeman. Gabriel: Henry. Robert: Catlin. Moses: Houston. William: Wallow. William: Barber. John: Jones. Thomas: Lunnell. Richard: Holland. Thomas: Smith. Thomas: Bouler. Edward: Hammon. George: Lane. Matthew: Lorman. Walter: Road. 17) who being duly impannelled and legally sworn upon the holy Evangelists, returned their Charge and are sent for and made their returns as followeth.

Present. John: Wigram Chirurgion for illegally taken away a Negro boy that belonged to Elizabeth Smith Orphan of Edward Smith deceased. Informer: Thomas: Morris.
Present John: Rowell for unlawfully detaining the Estate of Moses Owen wife out forwily. Informer: Samuel: Alexander. Nathaniel: Dougherty. Edward: Britz and Francis: Alexander, for not giving up account of the Orphanes Estate of our Bright.

- An account of to John: Rowell.
Co 12: head of Cattle.
Co 12: head of hogg.
Co 4: Cowd. that is new.
Co 7: head of young cattle.
Co one porridge pott.
Co one gun.
Co one frying pan.
Co one bro and green Rugg.
Co one Cope.
Co 3. white calves.

Paid to Edward: Duffon. 3000
John: Ellis an Evidence



To the wor. their Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset, the Just. Jures of Enquiry into Orphanes Estates and others qualified, the humble Petition of Moses Owen humbly sheweth that your Petitioner was left an Orphan by the decease of Thomas: Owen my father who left by his will a small pittance of an Estate to supply your Petitioner's wants, which is fallen into the hands of John: Rowell (brother in law by his intermarriage with Mary your Petitioner's mother, who by his inordinate spending hath wasted and consumed the greater part of your Petitioner's Estate already, & the small thing that is left in great danger, & your Petitioner's woful Confusion that some Course may be taken to secure y^e Estate to y^e Petitioner, & that the sd Rowell may give sufficient security for the same. And your Petitioner shall ever in duty pray. and and and and