

June 10th 1691

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come we Michael Cugston and Richard Chambers of the County of Somerset and Province of Maryland being good and lawfull Citizens and inhabitants thereof have been made, had and are now depending, between Richard Harwood Attorney of and John Loader of New England Merchant, on the one part, and Walter Lodge Esquire on the other part, and for the appraising and determining whereof the said parties have submitted themselves and are become bound each to each in the penall sum of twenty thousand pounds of good sound most honorable law as by their severall Obligations bearing date the fiftie day of June 1691. it doth and may apppear with Condition for the true performance of all and every the aforesaid Arbitrament, determination & Judgment of us the above said Michael Cugston and Richard Chambers, Arbitrators indifferently chosen and selected as well on the part of the said Walter Lodge, as on the part of the said Richard Harwood, to the aforesaid Arbitrament, Judgment and determination of all and all manner of Actions, Suits, Judgments, Causes, Controversies, Proposals, Strifes, Quarrels, Controversies and demands whatsoever, had, made, made or are yet depending between the said Walter Lodge and Richard Harwood, from the beginning of the world to the day of the date of these presents, always provided that the said award of us the above said Arbitrators be put in writing under our hands and seals, and a true Copie thereof delivered to each of the said parties at or before the 11th day of June 1691: As by their severall Obligations with their Conditions fully appearing, Now know ye that we the said Michael Cugston and Richard Chambers Arbitrators as aforesaid taking upon us the Charge of the said award and Arbitrament having heard the Allegations and sayings, and read, viewed and examined the witnesses of either parties, considering the promises, and minning to sett right and friendship between them concerning the same, do therefore put in writing this our Award, Arbitrament, determination and Judgment in manner and forme following: That is to say first we do award, Arbitrate, determine and Judge by these presents, Walter Lodge or his Executors to pay or cause to be paid to Richard Harwood or his Executors, the full and just sum of six thousand eight hundred forty four pounds of lawful money and that the said Richard Harwood, for himself and Executors shall deliver as his due to the said Walter Lodge or his aforesaid for his full release and discharge from all and all manner of Suits or Suits, between them had or made from the beginning of the world to the day of the date of this said discharge. In witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands and seals this fiftie day of June 1691.

we also award that the said Walter Lodge pay off of Suits.

Michael Cugston. & Seal.
Richard Chambers. & Seal.

Somerset County Jt.
The humble petition of Anne Emitt to her most Gracious of the Board for Somerset County, sheweth, y^e whereas your Petitioner is a widow woman and hath five Children and is not of ability to keep them humbly desires your worship that you would be pleased for to lett your Beneficence bind two of her Children to dutie by Ball. One called by the name of Edmund Emitt, for the full time of fifteen years from the 15th of July next, also Anne Emitt, till she shall come to the age of fifteen years of age, whose Children your Beneficence humbly craves may be made over to the sd dutie by Ball. By your worship, to the sd dutie by Ball, and your Beneficence as in duty bound shall ever pray: and whose petition was granted and gave the above sd Children in open Court were made above the said dutie by Ball. according to petition, the boy adjudged, but aged as in petition, the girl adjudged to be the year the 11th of April last past, according to her Mother's description. The sd dutie by Ball promised in Court to be given to the boy for said, and at twelve years of age, to give the sd boy a yearly stipend, which was to be kept by sd dutie by Ball, with all increase both Male and Female for the sd boy's use.