

Wronged or abused for these Men now in trouble had informed me that
John Melclaster will have flying gales through their Plantations
and also by their Plantations Council etc. but a Man may ride by
with and safe, said is what I think needfull at present to your Worships
Remaine of very humble servt
James Dastwell
Tobor Doubloy

James Dastwell & Hans Lawfon understand is John Melclasters
Cousin whoe have been taken & Examined them, and they take
away it, especially Hans Lawfon denyed it & swerd he had in hand
with.

The totally grante being by the Wor. Court Considered, do order
that the Informer John Melclaster pay all of work fees in the
said matter accrued, Court adjourned till tomorrow at 8 a Clock.
D. y. 7. the 11th. 1695.

A Court hold for the County of Somerset in the Province of
Maryland by the Honorable Justices of the Peace thereunto
appointed the 15th day of January in the 7th year of his Majesties
Reign the said Dominion 1695.

John Goukin, and Matt Scarborough, and George Layfield, and
The Newbold, and The Jones, and John King.

most Comly. To the Wor. Court for the County afo.

Math. Scarborough for and behalfe of Comfort Scott Sher Sonne William
White Orphan sheweth. That above two year since by Petitioner on
behalf and made Complaint to your Worships that Rob. Howard of said
County did possess himself in a Plantation & Stock of Harts & Hogs
of this sd. Writings in said County & refused to surrender y^e same or
surrender any one of the Orphanes stock &c. in the Custody your prayer
was made from this Court to your Worships order that the sd. Howard
should by the 20th November following surrender the sd. Plantation and
Stock to the sd. Scott and give a just and true account of y^e increase of y^e sd.
Stock, but upon the supplication of sd. Howard that it would be unning
to his dishonour to be compelled to remove in so short a time it was
supposed unto that he might have further time to remove (to viz) to the
15th of March ensuing the giving security for his so doing, but so it
was that some time after sd. Howard refused to give security for y^e same
y^e worships Order, whereupon for this Contempt it was further ordered
that the Sheriff should take sd. Howard into Custody & detain him
till he should give security as aforesaid, and the Sheriff accordingly
took him in Custody several weeks. Now so it is may it please y^e
Worships that the sd. Rob. Howard hath been at large about two year past
without either giving any possession or acc^t of his Estate, but
the contrary doth yet by force & fraud detain him with hold y^e same
withing Writings & other things the sd. Estate w^{ch} will be utterly loy^d if
Orphanes remaine, if not by y^e Worships prudence timely presented shew
y^e Petitioner on behalf and pray that for preservation of sd. Estate w^{ch}
Remains thereof that some proper expedient may be used for y^e said
and giving possession of the sd. Plantation & Stock with a just