

Baltimore

(Seal Segilli)

Whereas we have caused mandamus out of our high Court of Admiralty to stand forth to William Stevens and John Wimber of our County of Somerset Gent to bee directed — requiring them that by the Oaths of twelve good and lawfull men of the County aforesaid to enquire what lands David Williams of the said County who w^t his wife were murdered by the Indians dyed Seized of at the time of his death had or still have in the County aforesaid — and who is his next heire and what age y^e heire is &c & therefore upon the returne of the Inquisition it shall appear that there is no heire living and that the Land is therupon Escheated to us to know out of our Speciall Grace and Favour to John Compton Brother to the said William's wife we have purposed and determined — and doe fully resolued to conferme the said Williams's Land unto him the said Compton and his heires therfore we do hereby Will and require the Hon^{ble} William Alvert Esq^r Secretary of our said Province upon retorne of the Inquisition aforesaid if it shall appear that there is no heire as aforesaid but that the Land is Escheated as aforesaid then that he drawe Patent for the Land to John Compton and his heires accordingly Given under our hand and Seal at Anno^m Domini 1670 the nineteenth day of March in the fourth year of our Dominion & anno^m Domini 1670

M^r Kenelm Leeleyne is one of the Attorneys of the provinciall Court wherefore to empower you to appeare for me at the suit of John Hamblton in an action of Det of forty thousand pounds of Tobacco and also at the suit of Samuel Dobson in the like action of Det for forty thousand pounds of Tobacco more due to y^e said as to y^e best of your Judgement and shew you thynke fit to Confesse Judgment or let the same goe by nescit Or any other way as you in your Judgement y^e think best and for your doing this shall bee your warrant as witness my hand^r
S^r This the day of June 1670

Witnesses
John Blomfield
Thomas Bland

John Garnis sealed

Memorandum that on the fifth of March in the fourth year of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltimore & anno^m Domini 1670 Thomas Freeman Richard Ladd and Charles Butler Gent presented unto Court these papers following Viz:

Charles Calvert Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baron of Baltimore & to Thomas Freeman Esq^r Richard Ladd Gent and Charles Boteler Gent Greeting Whereas Henry Towles late of Talbot County Gent and his wife Sera^r of the last and Tenant of William Groome of Talbot County deceased were by Writ out of our provinciall Court summond to appear unto Job Butt of a pleat that they render unto him six hundred pounds Sterling w^t from him they justly desygne And Whereas the said Henry and Sera^r have exhibited their bill of Complaint in our high Court of Admiralty to bee relieved against the aforesaid action of the said Job Butt And for a summe as y^e attorney on behalf of the parties aforesaid to Will Christopher Rousby Gent Attorney for the said Job Butt and Robert Davis Gent Attorney of the said Henry Towles and Sera^r his wife for preventing the tedious Deposition of the parties aforesaid and for saving the expens^r of great George wher the attendance and prosecution of the premises in our Courts afford most necessary occasion and the other because of the great Remotenesse of the said Job Butt being an inhabitant within the Kingdome of England and aged and incapable of making so long a Voyage as to come to this province to answer the said bill have therfore made & given speciall and earnest request to us to nominate authors and appoint such persons as to us shall seeme meet to hear deponents and adjudge of the whole matter in difference as aforesaid between the parties aforesaid and the said attorneys have in open Court before us on behalf of their respective Agents mutually to stand to & abide and bee concluded by the Judgment and determination