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Lord Baron of Baltimore To the Sheriff of St Marys County greeting Whereas
Thomas Gerard Gont lately in Our Provinciall Court before Our Justices at the City
of St Marys by the Consideration of the same Court had recovered against the Estate of
Thomas Gerard Esq deceased aswell the sum of thirty five thousand pounds of Tobacco
for his Damages which he hath sustained by occasion of a certain estate of Grospe upon
the Case by the said Thomas Gerard Gont brought in Our said Court against John Gerard
and Rose Gerard Executors of the last will and Testament of the said Thomas Gerard Esq deceased
whereof they are Court and also the sum of two thousand and eight pounds of Tobacco more
for his Costs and Charges in that behalf layd out and expended And thereupon by Our writ
We have lately commanded you that of the Goods and Chattells of the said Thomas Gerard Esq deceased
if they should be found in yo^r Balowith you cause to be made the severall summs aforesaid and
the same in yo^r Custody Deteyne ready to Deliver unto the said Thomas Gerard Gont Whereupon
you made returne you had caused to be Leavyn of the Goods and Chattells of the said Thomas
Gerard Esq deceased in yo^r Balowith the sum of fourtyone hundred pounds of Tobacco
partoll of the Damages and Costs aforesaid which said Tobacco you had ready to render
the aforesaid Thomas Gerard Gont for part of the Damages and Costs aforesaid And
further that the said Thomas Gerard Esq had not any other Goods or Chattells in yo^r
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you could cause to be made And because the said Thomas Gerard Gont in the same Court
before Us sheweth to be delivered unto him all the Goods and Chattells of the aforesaid Thomas
Gerard Esq deceased his Oxen and Affres of his Cart And in like manner the Mogyty of all
his lands and Tenem^ts in yo^r Balowith So hold to him the Goods and Chattells aforesaid ad his
owne proper Goods and Chattells and the Mogyty aforesaid ad his household to him and his
officers according to the forme of the Statute in that Case made and Provided untill the
remainder of the Damages and Costs aforesaid shall be thereupon Leavyn And therefore
We command you that all the Goods and Chattells of the aforesaid Thomas Gerard Esq deceased
his Oxen and Affres of his Cart and in like manner the Mogyty of all his lands & Tenem^ts
in yo^r Balowith of which he was seized at the time of his death to the aforesaid
Thomas Gerard Gont you cause to be Delivered by Reasonable price and extent So hold to him
the Goods and Chattells aforesaid ad his owne proper Goods and Chattells And the Mogyty
aforesaid ad his free hold to him and his officers according to the forme of the Statute
aforesaid untill the Residue of the Damages and Costs aforesaid shall be thereupon fully
Leavyn And in what manner you shall Execute this Our writt you shall make appear before
Our said Court the Eight and Twentieth day of November next And have you there this
writt Witnes Our Trusty and Welbelovyd Thomas Kelloy Esq Our Deputy Lieutenant and Chief
Justice of Our said Province of Maryland the thirtenth day of September in the first year
of Our Dominion Annoq^o Domini One thousand Six hundred Seventy and Six William
Palbert Secretary At which said Eight and Twentieth day of November the same Sheriff
maketh returne of the writt aforesaid with an Inquisition thereunto annexed the same
whereof followeth in these words (viz^t) St Marys County In an Inquisition Indented
taken at Green Spring on Bassford Manns in the County aforesaid the second Day of
November in the first year of the Dominion of the Right Hon^{ble} Charles the second Over this
Province Annoq^o Domini 1676 before me Clement Hill Sheriff of the County aforesaid
by Vertue of a writt from the Lord Propy to me directed and to this Inquisition
annexed by the Oathes of John Goldsmith John Smith Thomas Carville John Hilton
Henry Poulter Thomas Rowes John Goskins John God John Bullock Vincent Mansell
Robert Atkins and Edward Turner all of the County aforesaid who say upon their Oath
that Thomas Gerard Esq in the writt aforesaid named being indebted ad in the
writt is specified was seized in his Tropp ad of ffeet of the Manns of St Clement
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Six thousand Three hundred and eighty pounds of Tobacco And of the Manns of
Bassford in the County aforesaid of the Cleare yearly Vallue in all Issues & Profitts
of ffortyone hundred & Seventy pounds of Tobacco And further the Jurors aforesaid
upon their Oathes say that the aforesaid Thomas Gerard Esq hath not Goods nor
Chattells nor other lands and Tenem^ts in the County aforesaid to thire knowled

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