

His Lordship the Lord Prop^{ty} of this Province sendeth his writ of
 Habeas Corpus to the Sheriffs of St. Marys County which followeth in
 these words viz^t Whereas we have made inspection into the
 Records of our said Province of Maryland in our Sover^{ty} Office
 remaining wherein itt appereth amongst other things, that
 Carlius our late Father of noble memory the eighteenth day
 of July one thousand six hundred forty two under the great
 Seale of our said Province did Grant unto Thomas Gerard
 gent^l a tract of land bounding upon the South with
 Potowmack River, upon the West with Whicoromico
 River, upon the East with St. Clements Bay, & upon the
 North with a right line drawn from a Creek in Whicoromico
 River called Gerardes Crooke South Easterly to the nearest
 branch of a Creek in St. Clements Bay called the first Creek.
 And likewise three Islands the one in Potowmack River
 called St. Clements, the second in the mouth of St. Clements
 Bay called St. Katherines Island, & the third lying neer unto itt
 in the mouth of Whicoromico River called St. Margarets
 Island, the said tract of land & Islands containing six thousand
 acres in the whole or thereabouts Upon such consideration
 & under such rules & provisos as in the same is expressed
 & reserved And for that upon Information that the said
 Grant to the said Thomas Gerard granted in the lines thereof
 doth not comprehend above seven hundred acres of land, but
 that the lines of the said land are doerly mistaken, & yet
 under colour the said Thomas Gerard in his life tyme & those
 that claime under him since his death have hold as their
 own land a very great quantity of land by which we & our
 said Father have bin debarred of our rents for the surplusage
 lands more than the six thousand acres mentioned in the
 said Patent And we being wiling that the truth of the
 premises should be fully discovered have caused the said tract
 of land to be Resurveyed & laid out anew by John Manley
 gent^l Deputy Surveyor under our trusty & well beloved Baker
 Brooks Esq^r our Surveyor Gen^l of our said Province reputed
 to be passed by the said Grant to the said Gerard deceased,
 which said Deputy Surveyor hath made returne of the Resurvey
 under his hand into our said Office that the said tract of land
 containeth Eleven thousand four hundred acres By which
 itt is evident & apparent that our said Father of noble memory
 hath bin deceived in the said Grant, & that Patent for the
 same was unduly illegally & surreptitiously obtained to the
 dishonour of us & our heires And the said Tho: Gerard
 being deceased & the possession of the premises being in
 Justinau Gerard gent^l Son & heire of the said Thomas dead

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Edward

Brown