

Robt Mason - } Bill  
ag't  
Joseph Spornon

Decreed y<sup>e</sup> Compt. shall quiet-  
ly enjoy y<sup>e</sup> Land in debate (with Cost  
of suit allowed him.)

### The Decree

Whereas heretofore y<sup>e</sup> is to say, y<sup>e</sup> thirteenth day of September 1686 y<sup>e</sup> Robert Mason of St. Maries County Gentl did exhibit his Bill of Com-  
plaint in this Hon<sup>le</sup> Court of Chancery against Joseph Spornon &  
setting forth y<sup>t</sup> whereas One Thomas Hinton of Cecil County bargained  
& sold a tract of Land in St. Maries County Anno 1681 for y<sup>e</sup> sum  
of thirty thousand pounds of Tobacco to be paid at three severall pay-  
ments for which y<sup>e</sup> said Robert passed three severall bonds each for  
twenty thousand pounds tobacco with condition for payment of Ten  
thousand pounds of tobacco at y<sup>e</sup> time in y<sup>e</sup> said severall bonds mention-  
ed (at which time y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas obliged himself by bond of 6000.  
pounds of tob to make to y<sup>e</sup> said Robert a good & firm bill of y<sup>e</sup> Land)  
And whereas y<sup>e</sup> said Robert did accordingly pay to y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas in  
his life time two of y<sup>e</sup> said bonds & almost all y<sup>e</sup> third of y<sup>e</sup> said bond  
save two or three thousand y<sup>e</sup> of tob & had paid y<sup>e</sup> whole had not  
y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas died And Whereas after y<sup>e</sup> death of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas  
One Joseph Spornon intermarried with y<sup>e</sup> Widow & Heir of y<sup>e</sup>  
said Thomas & dem<sup>er</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas & finding y<sup>e</sup> said  
bond unconceded tho they know y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said bond was almost all paid as  
afo<sup>r</sup> & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> remainder was attached by severall Attachment y<sup>e</sup>  
hands of y<sup>e</sup> said Robert for severall debts due to severall persons  
from y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas & was informed thereof by y<sup>e</sup> said Robert &  
tho they also know y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Robert was served in an Action of Exec-  
-ment for y<sup>e</sup> Land bought as afo<sup>r</sup> & depending in y<sup>e</sup> provinciall  
Court by which means y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>r</sup> bond of 6000. tob became forfeited  
to y<sup>e</sup> said Robert so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Robert obtained th<sup>er</sup>on in St. Maries  
County Court an Attachment ag't y<sup>e</sup> Estate of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas in y<sup>e</sup> hands  
of y<sup>e</sup> said Joseph & his Wife dem<sup>er</sup> as afo<sup>r</sup> who would not appear to de-  
-fer y<sup>e</sup> said suit continued by y<sup>e</sup> said Robert ag't them on all of y<sup>e</sup>  
said bond And tho they also know y<sup>t</sup> they were no way damaged  
by y<sup>e</sup> delay of y<sup>e</sup> payment of y<sup>e</sup> remainder of y<sup>e</sup> last bond given  
by y<sup>e</sup> said Robert to y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas as afo<sup>r</sup> & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Robert was all-  
-most ruined by defending his bill to y<sup>e</sup> said Robert sold to him  
y<sup>e</sup> said Robert by y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas for which y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas gave  
his bond for 6000 tob to make him y<sup>e</sup> said Robert a good  
& firm bill as aforesaid. Nevertheless tho y<sup>e</sup> said Joseph &  
his Wife dem<sup>er</sup> as afo<sup>r</sup> covetously desiring to get y<sup>e</sup> forfeiture  
of y<sup>e</sup> said last of y<sup>e</sup> three bonds passed by y<sup>e</sup> said Robert to  
y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas in his life time as aforesaid & pretending  
to have paid beyond assents have since y<sup>e</sup> time commenced  
their suit in the provinciall Court endeavouring to get the  
said

Court.  
In Chancery  
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compt  
of Debt  
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y<sup>e</sup> forth  
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In Court  
by y<sup>e</sup> 10  
apply by

Court.  
Robt