

March Court Anno Domini 1707

To prove a well regulated the same of said Land which Grants your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Enjoyn

March 10 1707

Whereupon was ordered Commission of Peace Returnable here the 16th of March 1707
James Harkins, James Hule, Francis Hill and Samuel Smith or any three or more of them to examine Evidence touching the bounds of the tract or parcel of Land agreeable to the Petitions of the said of Assembly in those Cases late made and Granted

A Petition of sundry the Inhabitants about a Road

To the Right Worshipfull his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Charles County the Humble Petition of Matthew Russell most humbly Sheweth

That whereas there was an ancient Path that led from the Petitioners fathers Plantation and now the Petitioners unto the River Road and the said Path being cleared for Convenience of going to Church to Court and Trading Tobacco but since the said Path being stopp'd up by Neighbouring plantations the Petitioners hath not liberty to take his Tobacco or go upon his other lawful Occasions to roads or tobacco

This is therefore the Humble Request of the Petitioners that your Honors will in your goodness grant that the said Path may be kept open by the Neighbours making Gates convenient to the said Path there being no other way there about so well and convenient as the said Path as these plantations have stopp'd up and your Honors Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray
Daniel Keale, Michael Russell, George Russell, Saml Hamilton, Widow Hamilton, John Hamilton, James Hamilton, John Russell, Zachariah Keale, William Russell

On Reading of which Petition the following Endorsement was made

Read and Viewers appointed Major Samuel Hanson, M^r Samuel Hanson Jun^r and M^r Samuel Harkins ^{to View the premises} and to make their Report

William Simpson returns to the Court here the following Petition & Report Hanson Viz
To the Right Worshipfull the Justices of Charles County in Court sitting. The Petition of W^m Simpson most humbly Sheweth That where as your Petitioners has a Road Runne through his Plantation to the great Prejudice of him and others which if it was taken in but very little further and will be much better Road thane that your Honors will be pleas'd to appoint Viewers to View the same and to as in duty bound will Enjoyn &c

Charles County 2^d November Court day 1707

Ordered that Captain Richard Harrison View the premises Lay out the Road & make a Report thereof to Next Court

In Presence whereof Grace this day Ordered the Road which led through W^m Simpson's plantation, to be lited in the following manner Viz that the First bound line of Thomas Hudson's land called Cabitha's lot, to turn to the Eastern along a Valley until it comes to a path, formerly a road, then with the said (Path)