

November Court Anno Domini 1789

This Petition with Court order in folio 61A

Samuel Hawthins & Samuel Hanson Gentlemen pursuant to an order of Court holden at Charles Town on the second Tuesday in March 1787 return to the Court here the following Petition & sheweth their Report thereon Viz<sup>t</sup> To the Right Worshipfull his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Charles County the Humble petition of Matthew Roswell most Humbly sheweth That whereas there was an ancient path that lead from the Petitioners fathers Plantation and now the Petitioners unto the New Road and the said path being placed for Convenience of going to Church to Court & the like where but since the said path being stopst up by Neighbouring Plantations the Petitioners hath not Liberty to sell his Tobacco or go upon his other Landfull occasions towards Portobaco. This is therefore the Humble Request of the Petitioner that your Honorships will in your Goodness grant that this Path may be kept open by the Neighbours making Gates convenient to the said Path there being no other way so level and convenient as the said Path as these Plantations have stopst up and your Honorships Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c. Daniel Neale Michael Roswell, George Roswell, Samuel Hambleton, Widow Hambleton, John Hambleton, James Hambleton, John Roswell, Zachariah Neale & William Roswell &c.

True Copy Test Edmund Roberts Clerk

March Court Anno Domini 1787 Ordered by the Justices said Court that Major Sam: Hanson, M: Samuel Hawthins & M: Sam: Hanson Just<sup>s</sup> View the within mentioned Path and Make their Report the June Court 1788 Test Edmund Roberts Clerk

By Virtue of the above Order of Court. Have Viewed the Premises, and are of opinion the Road within mention, absolutely ought to be kept open. November 18 1789 & Testis

S: Hawthins  
Sam: Hanson

Rosal Spalding Prætor to the Court here the following Petition Viz<sup>t</sup> To the Worshipfull the Justices of Charles County Court The Humble Petition of Rosal Spalding of the said County Planter sheweth. That whereas William Carter late of the said County Deceased did by his Last will and Testament bequeath to Sophania his Wife all his Estate for & during her Natural Life and after her decease to be divided amongst the Children of the said Testator according to the Tenor of his Will. Now your Petitioner and his said Wife having become bondsmen for the said Estate, and the said Wife having absconded, and the said Estate very much wasted and consumed amongst the Children of the said Deceased they now threaten to confound the will after her Decease and make the Bondsmen accountable for the whole Estate. A your Petitioner therefore Humbly hopes and prays your Honorships to take his miserable Conditions into your great and wise Consideration and that you will be pleased (with Consent of the said Sophania) to order the said Estate unto his hands. And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c. The above Petition is my desire & Request as witness my hand. Sophania Carter

John Mudd Prætor to the Court here the following Instrument of Writing Viz<sup>t</sup> Charles County May it please your Honorships that I am fully Contented and desire your Honorships that you don't Grant any Petition against John Mudd on my account or by any Instrument of Writing as they produce to your Honorships for I am fully Contented with his holding the Effects he has of mine on his hands as it dwells my hand this fifteenth day of November 1789 Sophania Carter

On Reading which Petition and Instrument of Writing and fully hearing the allegations of both parties and mature Deliberation thereupon it is adjudged by the Court here that the said Rosal Spalding's Petition be rejected