

W. lth. Did voluntarily and freely consent & resolved to stand to and abide the judgment.

Whereupon it is considered and the Governo. and Council are of Opinion that John W. lth by Samuel D. Bauch his und. Sh. r. did illegally execute and detain y^e Servant and Do. there fore ord. that y^e said Servant be forthwith returned to John Homewood his Ma. And that y^e said W. lth pay unto y^e said John Homewood four thousand pounds of Flo. for Damages & y^e Servants time five months in his possession. And accordingly issued forth y^e following Ord. here

Octob: 15th 1678:

By the Governo. & Council.

Whereas John Homewood of Am. Arrundel County Exhibited his Petition the 15th Day of Octob. against John W. lth High Sheriff of Am. Arrundel County for that the said W. lth did illegally execute a man Servant by trade a Taylor from his y^e said Homewood, & kept the said Servant in his possession ever since y^e month of May last contrary to right and justice and to the great Damages of him y^e said Homewood and pretence of executing y^e same for a fine of One thousand pounds of Flo. due to his Sup. the Lord Prop. notwithstanding the said Homewood had duly truly paid the said fine, and whereas M^r. Christopher Rousby M^r. Robert Rigby Attorneys for the said W. lth did freely & voluntarily consent to submit to y^e judgment of the Governo. & Council, who having fully heard and examined y^e premises and y^e severall allegations on both sides are of Opinion that y^e said W. lth did illegally execute y^e Servant and Do. there fore ord. that y^e said Servant be returned to y^e said Homewood, and that the said W. lth pay to y^e said Homewood the just summe of four thousand pounds of Flo. for Damages and the said Servants time five months in y^e said W. lth's possession from y^e time he was first executed

Signed &c.

At a Council held at John Bakers house at y^e City of St. Maris the 17th Day of October in y^e 3. year. of y^e Dominion of the R^{te} Hon. Charles 2^d. Annoq^{ue} Domini 1678.

The Hon^{ble} } Thomas Norley Esq. Governo.
 } Philip Calvert Esq. Chanc. lo.
 } William Calvert Esq. Secy
 } Lt. Col. Thomas Taylor
 } Col. Henry Courcy
 } Major Benjamin Rorer

Having recd. Divers Complaints from all parts of y^e Province ag^t y^e respective Sheriffs ther. of for taking Exorbitant fees and other their illegal & tyrannical proceedings upon y^e poor Inhabitants the Governo. and Council take y^e same