

General and Chief Governor of his Majesty's Province of Maryland and the
honourable Assembly now sitting

The humble Petition of Matthias Vanderheyden of Cecil County
Humbly sheweth

That whereas Mr Augustin Herman late of Cecil County
deceased by his last Will and Testament did by Entailment bequeath diverse
large and very considerable Tracts of Land to his several and respective Children
and their Posterities, which said Will of Entailment was filed and recorded in
the Commisary's Office, as by some Part of the said Record still remaining
may appear but by the fraudulent Contrivance of some wicked Persons
the said Will of Entailment is stolen away and conveyed out of the said Office
and likewise the most Part of it is torn out of the Book wherein it was
recorded NOW so it is that Your Petitioner having married the eldest
Daughter of the said Mr Augustin Herman, unto whom was bequeathed
a considerable Tract of Land by the said Will, as also the Reversion of the
rest of Tracts in the said Will specified, is like to be utterly deprived thereof
unless your Excellency and the honourable Assembly will be pleased to
grant him some Relief as to your Prudence shall seem meet

Wednesday June the 8th 1692

Lower House of Assembly

Mr Matthias Vanderheyden moves this House that a Will of Augustin
Herman being torn out of the Record, as likewise the Original lost, does
therefore produce to this house a Copy of the said Will, intimating likewise
that Mr Edward Jones and Mr Samuel Wheeler Members of this
House were Witnesses to the said Will, desiring the same may be put
upon Record. Noted that the same be entered upon Record accordingly
Veronica Henry Senon

Same Mr Edward Jones and Mr Samuel Wheeler two of the delegates
for Cecil County in the house of Assembly, and upon Perusal of the Copy
of the Will of the said Augustin Herman here produced, they did declare
and testify upon Oath it to be a true Copy, and the very same in Effect
with the Original to which they were Witnesses, to the best of their
knowledge and Remembrance, which was ordered to be accordingly
noted in this Journal, and the said Copy of the Will to be recorded in
the Commisary's Office

Ordered