

Upon Request thereof they are to be permitted to exercise that sacred function. In order to call: Books for Mr Bartlett

The Petition of Tho: French Esq: of the County of Prince Georges
To his Exc^{ny} Hon^{rs}: Nicholson Esq: Govern: of Maryland and
Council in Assembly

The Humble Pet: of Tho: French Adm: of all the goods
Chattel & Cred: of Signell Copley Esq: late Governour
of Maryland &c

Tho: French Pet: in relation to Governour Copleys Estate -

Humbly Sheweth

That Go: Pet: being Adm: as afo: and being desirous and willing to do: rightfully and duly on the same to the best Advantage and Benefit of the

1st It is urged upon Go: Pet: that sometime before the De: Copleys Death he made a Verball Order that some of his Serv: w^{ch} he particularly nam'd should have all his wearing Apparell distributed among them w^{ch} after his Death was required of Go: Pet: and although Go: Pet: did in hono: to the De: Copleys Order deliver the same to the De: Copleys Executors looke Obligation of them if they should be adjudged Assets in Go: Pet: hands they should answer the Value thereof whether (consideracon being had to the hono: of the post the De: Copley then had) the Said wearing Apparell shall be deemed Assets to charge Go: Pet: is what he humbly prays Advice.

Whitehall

2^o Go: Pet: finds among the Papers of Coll: Blackston late Nawall Officer for Potomack District Sep: Bills of Exchange Drawne payable to the De: Copley as Govern: and left w^{ch} the De: Blackston as Nawall Officer w^{ch} are now refused by the De: Blackston Adm: to be delivered up Person as part of the De: Copleys Estate by him Accomptable for is what he humbly prays Advice in.

whether by some ought not to be referred to the De: Copleys Estate

3^o It is likewise urged by the Adm: of the De: Blackston that Go: Pet: as Adm: w^{ch} must answer to her: their Maj^{ties} and the State of the De: Blackston for their Equal parts of a certain Pinke called the Margrett w^{ch} was condemn'd for Breach of certain Acts of Trade & Navigation alltho' Go: Pet: can find no deed or any other Title to the De: parts among any papers of the De: Copley nor indeed is there any conveyance from the De: Collector for either their Maj^{ties} or his O:one part neither can now be, the De: Collector being Dead, whether Go: Pet: can be made Answerable as Adm: afo: for the De: two parts for w^{ch} he has no Title in Law or only for the go: that by the forfeiture w^{ch} accrued to the De: Copley as Govern: is what he humbly prays Advice in.

These things he humbly lays before Go: Exc^{ny} and Council in Assembly being as he humbly conceives in the most suitable capacity of determining the same w^{ch} he humbly prays for the avoiding unnecessary troubles to the Cred: and Children afo: You will please to afford Go: Pet: the Advice and direction in the Premises humbly prays for and as in duty bound he shall ever -

Pray &c

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