

and upon the Surrender of a Book (with a copy of
of the same being made upon the duty receipt of
the receipt of your deposit

That on ^{the} 17th July in the year of our Lord 1781
the said seven hundred and twenty he made a purchase
of a tract of land called York's Meadow situated
in the parish of St. Andrew's and county of Middlesex
from a certain person called Sir John and was then legally
seized upon the Surrender of the premises to him
by Sir John the Vicar of St. Andrew's the said Plaintiff
on the said land who lived under the Maryland Govt
and paid tax thereon as by herself and late Husband
had lived in the quiet Possession thereof for more than
twenty years to further depose that being in such
Manner in lawful Possession of the premises aforesaid
he received a letter some time in December last from
Col^o John Branch of New Castle upon Delaware inquiring
that he desired to speak with this Defendant at
Christiana Miles near New Castle. Whereupon this
Defendant went immediately thither to know the Occa-
sion of this Message Col^o Branch thereupon told him
that a Complaint was made against him by Mr.
David Erwin one of the Justices and a Joint Purchaser
with William Davis of the White Tract that he this de-
fendant was seated upon some part of the White Tract aforesaid
and that if it were true then that he this defendant
could not hold it but that if he were out of the Circuit
then Erwin said he you have the best title to it of any
Body that I know however right he again Mr Erwin
and I will consider further of it and would send him
their Answer within two or three days but at the same