

To his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and the  
Honorable Council of Maryland

The humble Remembrance of Thomas Sumner  
Greenfield Sheriff of the County of  
Wicomico sheweth

That your Petitioner received a writ of Habeas  
Corpus in your last year in the Regiam then in possession  
of a certain Mary Shyppard to the use of George Forbes which  
Negroes were appraised as the estate of Richard Cheseld you  
deceased at one hundred fifty nine Pounds as the Inventory  
of that estate may appear

Now may it please your Honours this being an  
Extraordinary writ and such as the Law has not determined  
therefore I applied myself to the Justices of the Provincial  
Court for the Regulation of my fees in that Court having  
taken notice of a Paragraph in the Act for Limitation of  
Officers in Title 4<sup>th</sup> wherein it is said for serving an  
Extraordinary Writ and Commission to be regulated by the  
Court which Court I conceived was that which the Precept  
was returnable but the Court was of another opinion and  
referred me to your Honours which <sup>therefore</sup> I humbly prayed to be  
taken them with regard had to my Great Trouble some of the  
said Negroes being conceal'd in the Woods and the Execution  
of so much Hazard as a Replevin

Which favour will always be thankfully acknow-  
ledg'd by

Your Excellency and Honours  
Most Obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

T. Greenfield

November 7 1721

Which said petition being read and considered was  
adjudg'd to be thus return'd viz<sup>t</sup>