

Petitioner further humbly sheweth that the aforesaid Thomas Gasparay had leased the said Parcel of Land to one Augustus Brown who in Virtue of the said Lease possessed the same, that one Hugh Ross agreeing with the said Thomas for the Purchase thereof he the said Thomas removed the said Augustus Brown and gave Possession of the said Premises to the said Hugh Ross and the said Hugh continued under the aforesaid Act of Thomas Gasparay untill your Petitioner became intitled to the Premises as aforesaid and the said Hugh not having paid one farthing of the Money he was to have paid upon the agreement aforesaid your Petitioner let him know that he expected that he would deliver up Possession or make a purchase thereof Whereupon the said Hugh agreed again with your Petitioner for the Purchase of the said Land but he not complying with the Agreement, and your Petitioner apprehending from his evasive Conduct that he intended to trifle with your Petitioner your Petitioner gave publick Notice that he would sell the Land to the highest bidder and in order to Defeat your Petitioners said Purpose & to deprive him of any use of the Premises the said Hugh Ross sometime this Spring applied for an warrant and has actually taken up the said Land under the Government of Pennsylvania and in Virtue thereof claims it as his Right and your Petitioner further sheweth that your Petitioner has demanded Possession of the said Hugh Ross and threatened to sue him for detaining the same but your Petitioner has been deterred from so doing by the said Hugh his threatening that he would treat your Petitioner as Dudley Digges was treated and your Petitioner being apprehensive that some Violence would be offered to any Person who should attempt to arrest the said Hugh Ross or to your Petitioner if he should attempt to regain Possession of the said Land by an Entry, has therefore thought it his duty humbly to Represent his Case to your Excellency and to supplicate your Protection, and hopes your Excellency will take the Premises into your Consideration and give your Petitioner such Relief therein as may be meet and suitable to the Nature of his Case

And your Petitioner prayeth William Steene

The aforesaid Petition being Read Ordered that the Petitioner make Affidavit before some Provincial Magistrate of the facts contained in the said Petition being true, and that he Return the said Affidavit to the Clerk of this Board who is hereby Ordered upon Return thereof to desire the said Provincial Magistrate to issue his Warrant for apprehending the said Hugh Ross and causing him to give sufficient Sureties Residents in this Province for his appearance at the Provincial Court to answer to what may be objected against him; And it is recommended to the said William Steene to bring an Ejectment in the Provincial Court against Hugh Ross for the Recovery of his Right to the said Land

Read the Petition of several Insolvent Debtors in Queen Anne County Goal which is as follows

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor of Maryland