

By the Committee Appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly to enquire into the several Facts contained in the Petition of Archibald Douglas of Cecil County. June 5. 1741.

Your Committee find, on Inspecting the Papers of the said Petitioner, that the said Petitioner *Archibald Douglas* hath an Estate in Fee Tail to one Moiety of the Land lying in *Baltimore County* called *Scutt's Level*.

Your Committee find, that that Part of the Land called *Vulcan's Rest*, mentioned in the said Petition, lying in *Cecil County*, is of greater Value than the said one Moiety of the Land called *Scutt's Level* and the Lands called *Morning Choice* and *Morning Choice Addition*.

Your Committee also find the Assent of *Sarah Owins*, that an Act should Pass for Cutting off the Entail of the said one Moiety of the Land called *Scutt's Level*, and that an Estate in Fee should be given therein to the said Petitioner *Archibald Douglas*.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

Signed per Order, *Richard Dorsey*, Cl. Com.

Which was Read, and Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill according to Prayer.

Col. Hooper delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report :

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts contained in the Petition of *Thomas Spalding* and *Catharine his Wife*. June the 6th, 1741.

Your Committee find, on inspecting the Papers of the Petitioners, that the Land called *Crackbone's Purchase*, containing Two Hundred Acres, was Granted on the 24th Day of *October*, Anno Domini 1659, unto *Richard Crackbone*, Assignee of *Walter Peak* and *Peter Mills*, Assignees of *Paul Simpson*, in Fee.

Your Committee further find, that the said *Richard Crackbone*, by his Deed bearing Date the 17th Day of *November* 1681, did Bargain and Sell the said Tract of Land to *Richard Gardiner* of *St. Mary's County*, in Fee.

Your Committee also find, that *Richard Gardiner* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, of *St. Mary's County* aforesaid, did Convey to *Hugh Benson* of the same County, Planter, One Hundred Acres part of the said Tract in Fee.

Your Committee likewise find, that *Mary Speak* is the reputed Daughter and Heiress at Law of *Hugh Benson*, and that she inter-married (as it is said) with *Bowling Speak*, of *Charles County*, and that the said *Bowling Speak* and the said *Mary* his Wife, by their Deed bearing date the 31st Day of *March* 1739, did Convey the said Parcel of Land unto the Petitioner

*Thomas*