

on one cow and twelve head of sheep for my hire which was three pound,
and he come again on the first of November and brought several men with
him and set up all the sheep at five shillings and these men which he
brought with him run up the sheep in a few minutes to the three pound
directly Mr Bosley struck them off to James Smith. My father offered therefore
three pound and my wife offered them one of the best sheep there was, and not for
them to carry my sheep away and they would not.

Joseph Hilton.

This Humble Petition to the Honorable Council of Safety.

Setting at the City of Annapolis - Maryland.

Sheweth. That I your Honours most humble petitioner having been
by sundry honest and good charactered persons, residing in and about
this neighborhood, advised to acquaint your Honours of the late proceed-
ings of a certain James Bosley, his most rash and inhuman usage,
within the confines of my own lands and possessions and upon my own
son - Gentleman, last seeing time this said James Bosley came (with
a company of men with guns, himself having pistols and a sword) upon
my plantation, and interrupted my people from work, violently picking
or striking my son in five sundry places in the temples, in the throat, close
under his eye, and twice in his belly, my son retreating to secure his
life from such eminent peril, picking up a small stick which lay on
the ground, the said James Bosley swore if that he advanced one step for-
ward he would blow his brains out, after this with his company they forced
my children and servants out of my own possessions and sowed wheat there-
in himself, and Gentlemen since this I have legally got these possessions
then disputed by the said James Bosley, and Gentlemen in his bound over
to the Peace, tho he carries those or such armes wherewith he acted with such vio-
lence weapons Gentlemen which I think becomes men of valour having
cool heads, being steady, virtuous and of an honest principle. This and
more Gentlemen I could affirm with truth. And I leave it with submis-
sion to your Honours Council to judge whether it be reasonable that this
said James Bosley should be allowed to carry such weapons as those or
not, I remain your Honours Submissive Petitioner.

Charles Gorsuch Esq^r his next

The deposition of Charles Bosley who being duly sworn saith that
about the 20th of November 1756. he this deponent went as a spectator to
see the sale of some things of Richard Rhodes, detained upon for his
non-enrolling fine. When this deponent came to Rhodes's gate, a small
distance from his house, this deponent perceived a number of people
not less he thinks than 20, - Richard Rhodes and Vincent Trappall
came and brewarded the deponents brother James Bosley, and others who
were with him, from coming any further, at which this deponent and
those that went with him, stood, seeing the said company all to be
(armed)