

whole matter and to Doe therein what to right and justice Lib. R. belongeth.

The Peticōn is as foll: viz.

Octob: 15th 1678. To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Notley Esq^r Governo^r of Maryland & the Hon^{ble} Councell of Maryland

The Humble Peticōn of John Homewood of Anne Arrundell County Sheweth

That One Samuel Debauck Dep^{ty} Sheriff to John Welsh high Sheriff of the said County upon the 15th Day of Aprill last past, came to yo^r Pet^{rs} house and Demanded of him the summe of One Thousand Six hundred and ninety pounds of tobacco for thirteene Leavyes, for Rent Three hundred p^{ds} and a half of tob^o for Clerks ffees thirty two p^{ds} of tob^o & also One Thousand pounds of tob^o for a ffine for not serveing as a Justice of the Peace, & for w^{ch} s^d One thousand pounds of tob^o the said Debauck said he had an Execution, and sheweth it there, Whereupon yo^r Peticōner ord^{ed} the said Debauck to goe to yo^r Peticōners Plantation called White Hall & take from him his Overseer there the said severall summes amounting onely to the summe of three thousand and ffourty six pound of tobacco, & thereupon the said Debauck went and recd: Eight hogsheads of tobacco w^{ch} amounted to three thousand & ffifty eight p^{ds} of tob^o for w^{ch} he gave yo^r Pet^r a Rec^t as by the same here annexed may appear By w^{ch} it may appeare that he had overpaid for the said Rent & Leavys & Clks: ffees and for the Execution aforesaid the summe of Twelve pounds of tobacco, and if there were any more Due to the said Sheriff for ffees for Executing the said Tobacco he might fully have Satisfied himself by other Tobacco w^{ch} was at that time in hhs: at the Plantation afores^d or the said Debauck could have p^d himself being indebted to yo^r Peticōner One hundred & sixteene pounds of tob^o yet notwithstanding the s^d Debauck upon the Eighteenth Day of May last did by vertue of the s^d Execution for the ffine aforesaid or for some other cause to yo^r Peticōner unknowne take from yo^r Peticōner a man Servant named Simon Copley being a Taylor & carried him away to the s^d John Welsh who by vertue thereof hath ever since Deteined the s^d Servant contrary to Justice

Yo^r Peticōner therefore humbly prayes yo^r Hono^{rs} consideration of the p^rmisses & to Examine the matter aforesaid & Ord^r your Pet^r the returne of his Servant, and such Satisfaction for this soe illegall takeing & Deteineing the Servant aforesaid as to yo^r Hono^{rs} shall seeme just.

And yo^r Pet^r shall pray &c^a

Were then p^rsent the said John Homewood & Samuel Debauck wth Atto^rneys on both sides to argue the matter con-