

John Anderson v. Cupid Vaughan, filed December, 1772.

Same v. John Vaughan, filed December, 1772.

William Pellett, et. al. v. Robert Long's Lessee, filed May, 1774.⁸

Raphael Thompson v. John Somerville, filed May, 1774.

John Hanson, Jr. v. Henry S. Hawkins, filed October, 1774.⁹

William Nutter, v. John Smith, filed February, 1775.

William Pellett, et. al. v. Wm. Lux's Lessee, filed February, 1775.

As has been noted previously, Pellett v. Robert Long's Lessee had been dismissed at the May term, 1776, but the appellants were still pressing the appeal.

It is recorded in the minutes that the meeting of October 3, 1780, and that of the May term, 1781, were held in the Revenue Office. It seems likely that there are written references somewhere directly testifying to the location of the office of that name, but searches made have failed to bring any forth. Circumstantial evidence seems to fix it clearly enough, however, in the southerly corner of the second story of the State House,¹⁰ where the court sat during the nineteenth century, and until 1903, and where tradition places it from its beginning after the Revolution. Ridgely, the State Librarian from 1827 to 1842, described¹¹ the same room as the established seat of the Court of Appeals, and while he mentioned past changes in the use of other rooms, mentioned none for that one; and Ridgely had spent his life in Annapolis, and must have been familiar with all the facts. And

8. 1 Harris & McHenry, 531.

9. Ibid, 523.

10. The State House presents its corners, not its faces, to the four points of the compass.

11. David Ridgely, Annals of Annapolis, Annapolis 1841, 236.