

Ans<sup>r</sup> To the best of my Remembrance M<sup>r</sup> Weemes D<sup>r</sup> Lib. C. B.  
Somerville and Major William Ireland did apply and desire  
to see the Records but said Harrison refused, locking the  
Door where the same was lodged and put the Key in his  
Pockett and carried the same home, afterwards the Gent<sup>n</sup>  
aforesaid appointed to meet some days after and Ordered this  
Respondant to Acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Harrison thereof & desire him  
to meet them or send the Key. This Respondant did acquaint  
said Harrison according to Request, but he neither met them  
nor sent the key as he was desired

Calvert County ss<sup>t</sup> January 11<sup>th</sup> 1748 Then the aforegoing  
named Ellis Slater Deputy Clerk of Calvert County Court  
being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God to the  
Answers in the foregoing Interrogatories upon him Imposed  
declares the same to the very best of his Remembrance to be  
Just & true Matter of fact. Sworn to before me the date  
Abovesaid

David Arnold

Calvert County ss<sup>t</sup> The Deposition of Thomas Ireland Jn<sup>r</sup>  
aged forty years or thereabouts being first Sworn on the holy  
Evangelists of Almighty God Deposeth as follows Viz.

That in the month of February Last he was in Company  
with M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Harrison Clerk of the County Court afore- p. 363  
said at a certain Mary Parkers at Prince Frederick Town when  
the said Harrison Raised a discourse about Persons under the  
British Governments Acting in an Arbitrary and unlawful  
manner, in Particular that a certain Captain Cornish had used  
a Person that was detained aboard the Vessell he Commanded  
as a Ransomer very ill, in taking, or suffering his People,  
to take away all his Cloaths and Expressed himself in the follow-  
ing words as near as this Deponent can Charge his Memory  
with, that We complained of Our Neighbours being in a State  
of Slavery, but by God he could not see we were in a better,  
or where the difference was, only this, if the King of France  
wanted a Sum of Money and knew his Subjects had it he  
would Command it from them, and if the King of England  
wanted a Sum of Money he would make his Parliament give  
it him and yet We bragg'd truly of Our Great freedom And  
farther this Deponent saith not.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Ireland Jn<sup>r</sup>

The Above deposition taken before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1748/9

David Arnold.