

Now may it please your Honours the better to corroborate and confirm your Petitioners just and equitable right and title to the Premises in regard the said Hopkins hath anticipated your Petitioner in recording his conveyance aforesaid your Petitioner humbly prays an order from this Honourable Board may issue to the Justices of the said County Court to vacate annul and make void by an order of their Court the conveyance and record thereof to the said Hopkins as surreptitiously and fraudulently obtained and confirm that of your Petitioners as his just and equitable right and title

and shall pray &c

which Petition was thus answered and endorsed

By the Gov^r & Council Oct^r 6 1692

The tenor of the Petition containing matter of Law ^{this Board} cannot take cognizance thereof, but refer the same to be decided by the Law: howbeit it seemeth to this Board that the Petitioner hath the most just and equitable right to the Land within mentioned

Sign'd by Order

J. Lewellen Council

At a Council held at his Excellency the Governours house at St Peters the 13th day of October Anno Domini 1692

Present

His Excellency the Governour

the honble { Sr Thomas Laurence Thomas Tenck Esq^r
Col^l Nehemiah Blahiston Capt John Addison
Col^l Nicholas Greenbury Capt John Courts }

A Servant Boy belonging to M^r Edward Man of Talbot County accused for the murder of two Negroes but cleared and lying for his fees only, Ordered that he be returned again to his Master the said Edward Man to complete with him his full time of Servitude as also for his runaway time over and above, the said Man giving good security