Maryland, Sc.

At a Provincial Court begun and held at the City of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County for the Province aforesaid on the second Tuesday of September being the tenth day of the same Month and in the thirty first year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore &c Annoq. Domini One thousand seven hundred and forty five

Present

The Honble
- Philip Thomas Esquire Chief Justice
- Benjamin Young
- Robert Gordon
- John Brice
- William Rogers
- John Darnall

} Esquires Justices

Samuel Smith Junr. Esquire Sheriff

R. Burdus, Clk

1) Sept. Term 1745

Sta. George Bell quitam
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Mordecai Hammond } Maryland ss

Be it remembered that George Bell who as well for the greatest Objects of Charity in Annearundel County in the said Province as for himself follweth comes before the Justices of the Provincial Court of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now on the third day of April in the Year Seventeen Hundred and forty four in his proper person and as well for the greatest Objects of Charity in the said County as for himself gives the Court here to Understand and be Informed that by an Act of Assembly of the Province aforesaid made and passed at a session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the twenty first day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and forty two Entitled an Act to prevent the exportation of Indian Corn for the time therein limitted it was (among other things) Enacted that from and after the twentieth day of November then next no Indian Corn should be exported out of the said Province at any time untill after the first day of July then next and it was also by the said Act of Assembly (among other things) further Enacted and provided that all Indian Corn which should be taken on Board any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of the said Province from and after the twentieth day of November then next untill the first day of July then next Inclusive which should be in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and forty three should be forfeited and might be seized by the Navel Officer Collector or other Officer of the Customs in the Port or District where the same should be Laden and put on Board to be Exported and as soon as possible exposed to Publick Sale And moreover that the Owner or Shippers of Such Corn so taken on Board to be exported should forfeit a Bushel of such Corn so taken on board as aforesaid in order to be exported forfeit and pay the Sum of three Shillings Current money of the said Province to be recovered by Action of Debt Plaint or Information one Moiety of all and every of which forfeitures should be divided among the greatest Objects of Charity in the County where such seizure Should be made of which Objects the Major part of the Justices of Such County should Judge and Determine the Moiety to the Informer and Officer or Officers who should inform and seize the said Corn and sue for the same as by the said Act of Assembly (among other things) more fully appears and the aforesaid George Bell further gives the Court here to Understand and be Informed that a certain Mordecai Hammond of Annearundel County Merch. did on the twenty fifth day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty three and on Sundays other days and times between the aforesaid twentieth day of November which was in the aforesaid Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and forty two and the aforesaid first day of July the next ensuing & which was in the aforesaid Year One thousand Seven hundred and forty three at the County aforesaid put on Board and Ship in and upon a certain Schooner called Mulberry then being within the Body of the said County a certain George Hammond of the County aforesaid Mariner then was (under God) Master to be put and Shipped in and upon the Bay of Chesapeake in the said County aforesaid One thousand eight hundred Bushells of Indian Corn to be exported out of this Province and which One thousand Eight hundred Bushells of Indian Corn so as aforesaid put and Shipped on board were by the said Mordecai Hammond between the aforesaid twentieth day of November Seventeen and forty two and the aforesaid first day of July then next ensuing and which was in the aforesaid Year Seventeen hundred and forty three taken on board the said Schooner Mulberry aforesaid exported on the twentieth day of May in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and forty three in the Schooner Mulberry aforesaid exported or by the said Mordecai caused to be exported out of this Province into parts beyond the Seas Contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly aforesaid in such Case made and Provided and the aforesaid George Bell in fact saith that the said Mordecai Hammond was owner of the said Corn at the time of the exportation thereof as aforesaid and that the forfeiture of three Shillings Current money upon every Bushell of the aforesaid One thousand eight hundred Bushells of Indian Corn amounts in the whole unto the sum of Two hundred and Seventy pounds Current money aforesaid Whereupon the said George Bell as well for the greatest Objects of Charity of Annearundel County aforesaid as for himself prays the Advice of the Court in the Premises and that the aforesaid Two hundred and Seventy Pounds Current money aforesaid for the Causes aforesaid may be and remain forfeited and that the aforesaid George Bell one Moiety thereof from the aforesaid Mordecai Hammond may prevail to have according to the form of the Act of Assembly aforesaid

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And the aforesaid Mordecai Hammond by Ninian Cumming his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when &c. And prays Leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and thereupon day is

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