from the said Thomas Trueman, wherein he requests this Defendant
to let him the said Thomas know whether he would make him
a deed for Thomas and Anthony's Choice and Blackwell that he
had got the best advice upon the matter and was about to set out for
Annapolis to get an aiding Act from the Assembly then sitting if the said
Defendant would not give him a Deed for nine pounds Sterling that
it would not stand him in half the sum but to save trouble and
put something in the Defendants pocket, this letter is dated the 28: May
1768, At this time this Defendant supposed Thomas Trueman forgot his
claim of 100 Acres of land in consequence of the Agreement supposed to
have been made between this Defendant and the father of the said
Thomas Trueman, This Defendant saith that he as understood and
believes that James Trueman and after him the late Thomas claimed
and set up a boundary about Midway of the first line of the tract
of land called Blackwell and assuming that for the beginning of
the land claimed by the before mentioned supposed Deed, and
thence running the courses mentioned would include a parcell of land
on the South sides of the two tracts of land called Thomas and Anthony's
Choice and Blackwell nor would the said running beginning from
the tree afresaid if the calls are attempted to be gratified include
any land because such lines and calls as this Defendant conceives
would never if taken together get to the beginning of the said land
Also if the land was to be run from the said tree Southward so as
to include part of Thomas and Anthony's Choice and Blackwell it
must include the Southernmost part. And this part of the said land
has been sold for upwards of twenty seven years ago by this Defend-
ant to the said Ignatius Diggs and the said Walter Hoxton, whom
and those who claim under them all way peaceably and quietly
held and enjoyed as by the conveyances and proof that may be made
of such Enjoyments will fully appear, And James Trueman and those
who claim under him have claimed, And at times possessed part of
the Northward part of land which the courses from the said tree
would never reach or include perhaps the now Plaintiffs may wish
to establish location as the tree afresaid has been cut down and
carried away — This Defendant also saith that about the year 1770
he had lived on part of the land of one John Perry of Prince Georges
County, And owed Perry some Tobacco for rent, Perry came to make a
distress for 1000 ℔ Tobacco then due him and told this Defendant that
Thomas Trueman would be his security for the rent this Defendant
was unwilling to apply to Thomas Trueman because he suspected who

was designed, however urged by the fear of his effects being taken from
him and in hopes he should by some means get time to get the
Tobacco ready for Perry he was prevailed on to go to the house of Thomas
Trueman who offered to pay the rent then due and another that might
grow due if this Defendant would give him a deed for the land. —
This Defendant promised to convey the land if he did not pay the
Tobacco by a certain day, This Defendant was at that time lame unable
to walk without the help of two Crutches, He applied to a certain Tho-
mas Contee Merchant to pay the said Tobacco before the day appointed
between this Defendant and the said Thomas Trueman — And the
said Contee paid or credited to the said Perry the within the limited
time, they day after the Tobacco was paid or credited the said Perry
sent for this Defendant to his house who after repeated messages went
to the house of the said Perry where he found Perry, Thomas Trueman
and a certain Benjamin Wailes — This Defendant civily enquired of Mr.
Perry what he wanted with him, Perry told him he must go to Benedict
this Defendant being very sick and disabled from pains on his limbs told
Mr. Perry he was not able to go, and knew not why he should go if he
was able, After some altercation Perry ordered six of his Negroes to take
this Defendant and put him on his horse and ordered two of them
to hold him on his horse and conduct him to Patuxent river and
put him in a Canoe in which was the said Wailes who very much
abused and ridiculed this Defendant, and the said Wailes ordered
two of the Negroes to hold him in the Canoe and carried him to a
place in Calvert County called Hollowing point, during this cruel con-
trivance Perry abused and ridiculed this Defendant, and Thomas
Trueman who was present seemed to enjoy the contrivances and did
not in any manner interpose to prevent it, and this Defendant in his
then sore and disabled condition was very much injured by the rough
treatment he met with at the instance of the said Perry, after he
was carried to Hollowing point the said Contee appeared and enquired
the cause of the treatment the Defendant met with Perry made some
frivolous charge against the Defendant of having told falsities to the
said Contee to the disadvantage of the said Perry the said Contee
declared that Perry's charge against the Defendant was not just
then Perry said the Defendant has not paid him his rent, the said
Contee observed that he had bought Perry's Tobacco and had agreed
to give him Credit for 1000 ℔ Tobacco, that this Defendant was to pay
and that he the said Contee was answerable th[illegible] but that if
Perry chose it he the said Contee would pay the [illegible]