Aug[t]: 5[th]. Was p[re]sented the following Petition viz[t]:

To the Hon[ble] Coll[o] Henry Darnall & Com[r]: Hill Esq[rs] Com[rs] for the City of S[t] Maryes —

The hum[ble] Petition of John Godgrase of Cal[t] County

Humbly Sheweth

That whereas yo[r] Pet[r] being Cited to appear at yo[r] Hon[rs] Office at the City of S[t] Maryes the first Tuesday in August to pass his Acco[t]: of the Adm[on] of the Estate of Alice Goldson Decea[d] but it being very neer the Court before the Sheriff serv'd yo[r] Pet[r] with the Citation, for that he had not time to provide himself with Rec[ts] for what Debts he hath paid of the Decea[d], the Cred[rs] of the Decea[d] living at a distance from one another. Therefore yo[r] Pet[r] humbly prayes yo[r] Hon[rs] to grant him till the last of October next to provide himself with Rec[ts] in Order to the passing the said Acco[t]: and he as in duty bound shall ever pray John Godgrase

The Petition is granted as prayed —

Tod dit[o] Com[r] Nich[o]: Cloud & Exhibited an Acco[t] upon Oath of his & Thomas Sewards Adm[on] of the Estate of Wm Bishop Late of Talbot County Decea[d] as they are Exec[rs] of the s[d] Wm Bishop —

16[th] ditto Citation Issued to the Sheriff of Charles County to Cite & Summon George Counsin & Mary his Wife Relict of John Boswell Late of the s[d] County Decea[d] to Answere to such matters as shall be objected him by the Judges touching & Concerning the Estate of the s[d] Boswell & and their Admitting thereupon without Lawfull Authority

20[th] ditto Was Exh[d] the Last will & Test[am]t: of Henry Parker Late of Talbot County Decea[d] proved by the oathes of 3 of the Witnesses thereunto —

Was Exh[d]: Inv[ty] of the Estate of the s[d] Parker under the hands & Seales of the Appts thereunto Authorized

Thomas Smithson made Return he had Sworn Daniel Walker Exec[r] of the said Decea[d] & also that he had Sworn Thomas Mountford & Peter Dodd Appts of the goods & Chattels of the s[d] Parker Decea[d] —

22[th] ditto Citation at the request of Richard Bishop of Talbot County Issued to the Sher: of said County to Cite Robert Macklyn & John Gribbin to Shew for & on the behalf of the said Bishop agt: Nich: Cloud & Thomas Seward Exec[rs] of Wm Bishop Late of the s[d] County Decea[d] —



Aug[t]: 29[th]: — Read the follo[g] Let[r] from Mr: Luke Gardiner.

S[r]: I have here sent you the Renunciation of Kath: Benson the Relict of Hugh Benson late of S[t] Maryes County Deced for Adm[on] may come out to me in the behalf of my Brother he being the Biggest Cred[r] to the Estate desire that Rich: Newman & John Bright be put for the Appts of the said Estate My Service to Coll: Darnall & his Lady. my Lord Lyes too I rest & remayne

S[r] Yo[r] assured friend & Serv[t]:
Luke Gardiner

Aug[t]: 18[th] 1687:
Superscribed
To Mr: James Heath at
S[t] Maryes Chapt —

The Instrum[t] of Renunc[n] in the s[d] Let[r] mentioned is as follows viz[t]:

Mary Land S[t]: Mary's } Know all men by these p[re]sents that wheras I Katharine Benson Widdow Relict of Hugh Benson Late of S[t] Maryes County Deced having Right of Adm[on] due to me of my said Husbands Estate doe hereby Renounce my Right thereto willing and desiring that Adm[on] on the said Estate may be given to Mr: Luke Gardiner of S[t] Maryes County for the use and benefit of his Brother Mr: Richard Gardiner he being the greatest Cred[r] to the said Estate In Testimony of this my Renunciation and willingness to this p[re]sents I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of August Anno Dom[i] 1687:

Wytnes Clement Hill Katharin Benson (Seald)

Whereupon Adm[on] of all and singular the goods & Chattels Rights & Cred[ts] that were of Hugh Benson Late of S[t] Maryes County Deced was granted & Committed to Luke Gardiner for and in the behalf and Right of Mr: Richard Gardiner as great Cred[r] of the s[d] Deced, the s[d] Luke being to take his Oath of Adm[r] & give Bond before the Hon[ble] Com[r]: Hill Esq[r] one of the Judges of this Court before whom Richard Newman & John Bright Appts are to be Sworn, also Aware: Issued to the Appts Jointly Sev[ly] Ob: in 3 Monthes

30[th] ditto Came John Weight of Calvert County & Shewed that Mary his Late Wife (Deced) was before his Marriage with her possessed of severall goods & Chattels Rights & Cred[ts] which in the Life time of the s[d] Mary he could not gitt into his hands or Pos[n] that humbly prayes that Adm[on] of the goods & Chattels Rights & Cred[ts] that were of the s[d] Mary before his Marryage with her (when her name was Mary Gitting) may unto him the s[d] John be Committed the which being accordingly granted, Com[r]: to take Bond to swear the Adm[r] & to swear John Read & Wm Read Appts was Directed to Mr: Richard Fenwick to whom was Inclosed Exa[n] of Adm[on] & Warr[t] for s[d] Appts. Jointly Ob: in