demanded against him in Court for Nathaniel Howell's debts, so that I am afraid that the Orphan will suffer by it, if speedy course be not taken. Therefore humbly crave that y^r Hon^r would be pleased to take that Charitable or as I may say that paternall care that the Orphans estate may not be confounded and wasted in paying Other mens debts & consequently be deprived of her just right and interest. For Nathaniel Howells widow neither hath nor will allow any thing at all towards the maintaining or keeping of her. Sr Co: St Ledger Dodd President of his Lrs Court in this County is unwilling to Act or doe any thing in it without y^r Hon^rs Order advice and Counsell. Therefore must humbly crave that y^r Hon^r would be pleased that some speedy course may be taken in it, for the aboresaid Richard Hainard doth not implay any Attorney therefore suspect that he will confesse judgm^t next Court (if not prevented by y^r Hon^rs Order) to all the actions commenced against him for the debts of the said Nathaniel Howell. So with my humble service presented I remaine y^r Hon^rs most humble Servant to command

Mary Pope

Cecil County March the 16th day 168[illegible].

To the Honble Col: Henry Darnall
Chiefe officer St Maries County.

April 2 1689

Ordered by the judges that the Register write to Co: St Ledger Dodd concerning the premisses which issued as followeth. —

From the Dominicans Office May 24th 1689

Sr The judges in Testamentary Causes have therefore received Letter from your Court in relation to the Estate of Sarah daughter of John Vandeck late of y^r County, & did by their Order anfore the same July last past (Copy of both which is here enclosed) which (by information of Capt Pearce came late to hand). But the judges having no returne of the doints proceedings therein, they are againe (by Mrs Mary Pope) Supplicated for the Orphans Right, allegation being made that the Estate which Nathaniel Howell (Guardian to the Orphan) died possess off, is in great danger to be brought to little or nothing. For Nathaniel Howell died deeply indebted, and his Relict caused the Orphans Estate to be appraised into her said deed Husbands Estate Nathaniel Howell, and since married with Richard Hainard, and that severall actions are commenced against him for the said Howells debts, whereby the Orphan is likely to be deprived of her interest. The said Hainard (as is thought) being willing to confesse judgment to the same. The judges are further informed that you are unwilling to Act in this affair without their Order. The judges therefore have ordered me to write to you, with the rest of your Brethren justices of your Court would make just & true inquisition concerning the premisses having regard to the enclosed, and the testimony of such witnesses in your County who can well informe your worships how the Orphans Estate lyeth obscure and in whose hands, Mr Stiles's relation as to the Will of her father, the Inventory, the proceedings in order to accompt, the Ex^rs accompt and the errors therein. And that you would remitt the judges an accompt of y^r speedy proceedings therein with expedition. That according to the Will of her father, justice equity and good conscience, the said Orphan may not be longer deprived or detained from her just and equitable right & interest. Y^r speedy diligent and prudentiall inspection & care in this urgent affair is earnestly desired by the said judges.

Y^r worships dear to command
Jno Blomfield Reg^r

To Co: St Ledger Dodd One of his Lrs
justices in Cecil County. Presents.

May 25th George Robertson Gent made returne that on the 10 day of February last past he administred the Oath of Adm^on to Arthur Purfoyle Adm^r of the estate of John Boyden late of Talbott County deceased & Jerome Thomas Herman and Gerard Veffrall Appraisers thereof.
An Inventory of the said estate was then exhibited under the hands & seales of the said Appraisers.
Bond of adm^on was then also exhibited Thomas Bennett and Thomas Luggins Securityes in 32 £ 2 s.

Eodem die Was exhibited an Inventory of the estate of Nicholas Nicholson late of Ann Arundel County deceased under the hands and seales of John Lefey and John Miles Appraisers. —
Bond of adm^on was also then exhibited Hester Nicholson Adm^x John Larkin and John Martin her Securityes to the Lrs in 244 £ 1 s 10 d. —

28th Adm^on issued the 10 day of April last past to Mary Sawyer Relict and adm^x of the Estate of Edward Sawyer late of Ann Arundel County deed with Comiss^n to Capt Henry Hawkins to administer the Oath of adm^x take bond and deliver her the Letters of administration. The said Capt Hawkins made returne upon the said Comiss^n indorsed that on the 23rd day of April last past the said Comiss^n was executed having the Oath. And that he hath sworne James Sanders and James Hackett Appraisers of the Goods Chattels of the deceased.
This was administration bond exhibited James Hackett and James Howell her Sureityes in 200 £.

Was exhibited the last Will and Testament of Mary Shaw late of South River in Ann Arundel County deceased wherein she appointed John Gresham Executor, who prayed Letters Testamentary thereupon.
Comiss^n then issued to Major Nicholas Greenaway for Probate of the Will, take the Oath &c warrants to Appraisers issued in blanke. Inventory returne 3 m.

31st Was exhibited the Will of Wm Goodale late of Ann Arundel County deceased wherein he appointed Ruth his wife executrix. But the said Ruth being also deceased Thomas Lingycomb as greatest Creditor prayed Letters of adm^on, which will remaineth filed here. And
Comiss^n then issued to Capt Henry Hawkins to take bond & Oath &c warrants to Appraisers in blanke. Inventory returne 4 m.

June pro. Was exhibited an account of the estate of Wm Sargeson deed which caused the Register to write to the justices of St Maries County Court in Court sitting the Tenor whereof followeth vizt

From the Dominicans Office june pro 1689

Gent Forasmuch as the judges in Testamentary Causes have therefore been informed that Wm Sargeson late of your County died intestate and One Lewis Jones hath intermarried Katherine the Relict of the deceased, who have without any legall authority possessed themselves with the estate of the said deceased and the same embezelled, whereby the Creditors are likely to be defrauded and the Orphans of the said Sargeson deprived of their right. Citacon issued to the Sheriff of your County to cite the said Lewis Jones and Katherine his wife before the said judges return October last past to shew cause if any they had why the estate of the deed should not be taken out of their hands and disposed off as to the judges should seeme meete, and the said Lewis Jones was not to be found in y^r County, but the said Katherine was cited, but came not till last Provincial Court and then the judges demanded of her an account of the estate of the deed who replyed that the said Lewis had disposed of severall goods & chattels, and did then promise to give a true account thereof as also an account of what the said Sargeson died possest off whereupon the judges ordered her to attend the Register who was to take an account thereof, but she came not. And this day was exhibited into the Office an account of what estate he was possessed (but by whom I know not) vizt.

The estate of Wm Sargeson deceased.

Item to sixteen head of Cattle
Item to 35 head of Hogs.
Item to 2 Mares
Item to 5 pewter dishes
To one tankard & One Candle cups and 3 porringers
Item to 4 chairs. To One gridiron & one paire of tongs
Item to two beddes Bolsters Ruggs and blankets.

The Consideration of the premisses requiring your prudentiall care therein and that you would render an account to the judges of y^r proceedings therein. This is thought fitt to be informed by

Y^r worships humble Servt
Jno Blomfield Reg^r

4th Was exhibited an Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of Matthew Cartwright late of St Maries County deceased under the hands and seales of Thomas Cornish and John Nicholls appraisers which remaineth of Record here.

May ite pro y^r Hon^r May 25th 1689

Enclosed is the last Will and Testament of John Apsley late of Charles County deceased. The man died lately though the Will hath been made a long time as the date makes appear. The two witnesses that sett to it are both alive. Therefore Susannah Apsley the wife of the deed whom he hath made Executrix by the name of his wife prayes administration to be granted her according to the intent of the Will she being sole & unmarried. She prayes a Comiss^n to Capt Ignatius Courtenay of this County to prove the Will & swear the Appraisers vizt Mr Wm Marshall & Edward Attlepoll. This at the request of the widow & humbly offered to y^r Hon^r by

Y^r Hon^rs most obedient Servant
Will Blake

Eodem die Letters of adm^on then issued to the said Susannah wife is named Ex^x of the said Will as to point of the estate of the deceased untill she marry according to the intent of the Will with Copy of the Will annexed.
Comiss^n issued to Capt Ignatius Courtenay to take bond & Oath &c warrants also issued to Wm Marshall and Edward Attlepoll Appraisers. Inventory returne 3 m.