At a Prerogative Court held at Annapolis the first Tuesday of April being 3d day of the same month 1716 —

Present The Hon.ble Wm Bladen Esq Comty Gen.l & Judge who Orders the Doggett of Causes to be Called Over & Proceeded as follows —

CC Samuel Horsey & Ann his wife John Tonstall & Rebecca his wife & Mary Smith } Libell Answer & Gen.l Rep.t —
Wm Arnold Elzey & Rich.d Chambers adm.rs of Exp.t Henry Smith — — }

Fr John Stevens & ux.r — — } Libell Plea Rep.d & Dur.d
Jn John & Francis Sherwood — — }

CC Tho: Sorrell John Gardner & Sarah ux.r his wife. Tho: & Sarah are the Naturall & lawfull son & daughter of John Sorrell bro: of Rich.d Sorrell } Libell Answer & Gen.l Rep.d —
Wm Thomas Robbinson & Rachell his wife }

Geo: On the petition of Benj.n Berry Ex.r of the Last will & Testam.t of Benjamin Long Comission Ordered and Issued to Mr Richd Keen to pd Grant him Letters Testamentary on the said Long's Estate and Swear him to ye due Adm.n of ye Estate —

At the request of Capt. John Murdock Citation Issued to the Sheriff of Calvert County ag.st Grace Brook widow & Relict of Robert Brook dec.d to prove the last will & Testam.t of ye dec.d if any, Otherwise to take out Letters of Adm.n on his Estate which the Sheriff makes Return Cited Jno Brome Sheriff —

At the Request of Chas Lansley Cit.n Issued ag.st Mary Dorrumple wid.o of Wm Dorrumple dec.d Calv. County to adm.r on ye dec.d Estate which is Returned by the Sheriff Cited Jno Brome Sheriff —

Came Mr Prior Smallwood of Charles County by Thomas Macnemara Esq his Attorney and Offered to the Judge this Ex.ts petition which follows in these words Viz.t —

To the Hon.ble William Bladen Esq Comty Gen.l & Chief Judge for probat of wills and granting adm.ns in the Province of Maryland —

The Humble petition of Prior Smallwood of Charles County on behalf of himself & Severall of his Brothers —

Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioners father Col.o James Smallwood being possessed of a considerable personall Estate made his last will & Testam.t in writing and therein appointed Mary his wife Ex.x and soon after dyed which Ex.x proved the said will and took out Letters Testamentary thereon but never gave Security for the due Execution of the same as your Pet.rs is well informed and got the Estate Appraised and Inventoryed at too low a rate and very much under its real worth and the.n not Subscribed by the Appr.s of him Exhibited the same into the Prerogative Office thereby intending to defeat your Pet.rs and his brothers of their just Proportion of the said Estate unless such indirect practices be obviated by yr Hon.r —

May it therefore pleas yr Hon.r to Order the said Ex.x who is since married to Alexander Herbert of Prince Georges County to get the said Estate Appraised and Inventoryed according to the Act of Assembly in such Cases made & provided and that Indifferent Appraisers not formerly Concerned be named and in the mean time that the said former Inventory be not Received into the Prerogative Office or Recorded —

And Your Pet.rs (as in Duty bound) will pray &c

Macnemara

Citation Issued to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County ag.st Richd Boadent Ex.r & Relict of Wm Cook to Administer on the dec.ds Estate or signify their renuntiation of their right to Adm.n which is Ret.d Cited by Tho: Clagett Sheriff