DD Benj.a Pemberton — Citn. on Susp.

RT James Lloyd & Jn.o Pemberton Exrs of Robt. Grundy deced — The dfts by Richard Hensam their Att.y Appear and Imparle until next Court

DD. Benjamin Laurence — To the Honourable
his Widdow — Thomas Bordley —
TL. Jn.o Talbott — Esq.r Comissary Generall and Judge of the Prerogative Court

The Humble petition and Information of Rachel Laurence Widow and Relict of Benj.a Laurence late of Baltemore County deced — Sheweth That my deced husband Benj.a Laurence dyed at my Dwelling House in Baltemore Town the 29th of Decemb.r Last and Since my return from his Funerall have not been able to go off my plantation neither as yet am I able to go abroad and being wholly Ignorant of my precise time to administer wch together has Occasioned my delay in not waiting on and making Application to Your Honour and not any Contempt or Wilfull Neglect of Mine wch when Considered Your Honour will I hope please pardon the Same, Mr John Talbott Informes me that he has Obtained Admon on the Estate of my deced husband and designes Shortly to proceed thereon wch if he does will Infallibly prove my utter Ruin and to

to make your Honour in Some Measure Sensible thereof May it please Your Honour to hear the following reasons for my dated Husband & John Talbot about 14 Years Since made an exchange of Land as follows my Husband exchangd our Late dwelling plantation at West River with John Talbot for a tract of Woodland Ground of his at Elk Ridge — Mr Talbot entred and possessed ours at West River & since altered the Same to y Great damage of the plantation my Husband entred & possessed his at Elk Ridge and made a plantation thereon of the expence of at least 150 Sterl. but neither of the plantations has as yet been Securd to other as the Law directs. Our plantation with some Negroes being under Mortgage to Mr Francis Watson a benefactor of my dated husband is for Ought I know the Occasion of their not being Conveyed to other & Since Mr Talbot has obtained Letr of Admon am very much threatned viz.t that Mr Watsons Negroes shall not cut down and destroy his land, wch with other such like Speeches is grounds enough to make me Dread his endeavouring the Ruin of me & my Children by depriving me of redeeming my Husbands plantation at west River which is now far worse than when he first possessed it & thereby Clandestinely to come by his Land much improved by the Labour and Great expence of my deced husband, the Mortgage is expird about 2 years but Such a part thereof already paid that doubt not with the blessing God having the Stuff in my own hands to clear the same for these & other reasons too tedious here to relate I humbly beg Your Honour will be pleased to take it into Serious Consideration and revoke the Letters to Mr John Talbott and be pleased to Admitt to the Administration of Benjamin Laurence's Estate his dejected relict and Widow & Sd humble Petitioner Rachell her Mark Laurence

Whereupon by order of his Honour the Comy Gen.l Citation Issued on the 28th of February last against the said John Talbot to shew Cause why the Admon to him granted of the said Benj.a Laurence his personal Estate Should not be revoked

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