On a petition of a Tract of Land granted to John Brooke for
two hundred and forty acres called Brooke Lane was this Written
viz: Due on behalfe of the Right honorable the Lord
Baltimore allowe of the vacating this patent. The Court
October ye 3d 1713 whereupon the said John Brooke appeared in Court and
produced the above patent and prayed the same might be vacated
Record, whereupon the said patent is ordered to be vacated
and ordered to be noted on the record where the said patent is recorded

To the Honorable the Justices of the
Provell Court The humble petition of Thomas
Coomes

Sheweth That your petitioner lieth a Prisoner with my Lord Brak
Coomes keeper of the City of London on
the Kingdome of England time to the last summer came
into this Country to work on his Brother Samuel Coomes Plantation
Merchant for the said Brak Coomes but it so happened that
the said Samuel Coomes time since departed this life and your
petitioner intending to return to England to his Master Robert Bellam
of Talbot County having some reason to the personall Estate of the
said Samuel Coomes hath caused your petitioner to be called and
apprehended as a slave and friend and Confederate to make a slave of your
petitioner who was borne free. Your petitioner humbly prayes your Lordships to consider his condition
and make such order therein that the said Robert Bellam
may appear and show cause if any he hath why the Plaintiff and Appe-
llant petitioner may be set at liberty and discharged from his
Confinement and discharged back a free man and he will pray &c

There is produced to the Court the following against me
Magistrate speak your mind. The first Nathan Gross being sworn saith against me
that I am too mischievous for my Master is that all negroes imported into this
province should have for their first Year's Work a Year's time allowed them
and Samuel Coomes brought the first negro Slave that was brought
to a free man I am content but hope I shall not be forced
to serve my time and continue those five years should on the
Decease unless my Master will come to make without me may send a
the knife for them kindly write for them and hath my hand this Bellam
Thursday afternoon 5th Oct 1713

Which being read Letter was that Received
To the honble Colle Mr Holland and the rest of the Honble Justices
of the Provell Court to resolve

Whereas the petition of Dye is produced viz
Francis Moore of the Parrish Linkwards Distillar aged
27 years or thereabouts now resident in Maryland Mariner saith
that he hath often heard and knew Samuel Coomes late deceased say
that his Master in his first time said to his Brother and told him
that if he would have the black boy Nathan to live with him he was
content and desired him to use him well and that if he did he
hoped what he had might prove prosper with him and that when
he died he should give the boy his freedom Francis Moore
from the 29 July 1713 Deposed John Black James Veach
Whereupon the above petition Letter and Depositions aforementioned

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being read and heard and fully considered the Matter deliberately
thereon had in relation to the premisses It is therefore Considered by
the Justices that the said Negroe be free from the Service of the said Robert
Bellam and all other persons claiming under the said Samuel Coomes his
Master

Provell Court April Term 1710

On Hill the Demandant against
Jones
Maryland Talbot County
vs.
John Hott

Be it Remembered that heretofore
to wit the Twelfth Day of July in the
Eighth year of the Reigne of our Soveraigne
Lady Queen Anne that now is Anno Dom 1709
John Hott of Talbot County planter was attached to answer unto
Thomas Dimondon of the same whereas he with force and arms
&c into one Dwelling house six foot wide and into a certaine
parcell of Land situate lying and being on the North side of
Choptank River in Talbot County aforesaid and called Hard
Beginning at the first standing tree of a parcell of land called Hard
Point and running with the said Land Northwest and thence with
the said Land southwest one hundred and twenty perches to the end
of the said Land thence with the said Land North west one hundred and
twenty three perches thence southwest three hundred and fifty perches
to a parcell of Land called Heads Mark thence with the said
Land southwest three hundred and twenty perches thirty minutes
of the said Land thence North seven degrees thirty minutes West one
hundred three hundred and fifty perches thence North West one
hundred three hundred and eighty perches to the Beginning tree
thence with a straight line drawn to the first tree
and from thence and said out for the said Land to the said Thomas
Dimondon which Nicholas Denis did not part said the said and
Dimondon demanded for a Dwelling house and other Injuries &c to him do
him thereby Damaged aforesaid Gained and against the peace &c
to the great Damage of the said Thomas and against the peace &c
and whereupon the said Thomas by Nicholas Gantt his attorney
complaineth that whereas the said Nicholas Denis to the said Thomas
Dimondon did Robert Talbot County aforesaid Demise to the said Thomas
the said Land and Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances to hold and
the said Land and Tenements with the appurtenances from the said
Company the said Time to the said Thomas and the said Thomas from thence
first day of May unto the said and said Term to end and expired by virtue of
which said Demise the said Thomas into the said Land and Tenements
which Demise the said Thomas hath and ought to have thereof possessed and ought
to have and was thereof possessed with the said Day of May in the year
aforesaid to wit the said John Hott afterwards to wit the said Land and Tenements with the
appurtenances which the said Nicholas Denis to the said Thomas in form aforesaid
Demised for a Term which is not past entered and from the said
Term of the said and other Injuries to him did against the said
&c and to the Damage of the said Thomas two hundred pounds the
and thereof he brings his Suit &c Pledges &c John Doe &c Richard
Roe
And the said John Hott by Holden his attorney comes and Defends
the force and Injury when &c and prays Leave to Imparle
(Demand)