To His Lordship

Richard Snowden ...

Memd. the said Richard Snowden Prayed out his Lord Ships writt of Certiorari the Tenor whereof follows in these words viz.

Maryland ss: Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To Richard Warfield and Edmond Benson two of our Justices of our peace in the County of Ann Arundell to keep our Peace and divers felonys Trespasses and Misdeeds in the same County Committed to hear and Determin assigned specially & being willing that all & singular presentments Indictments Recognizances Inquisitions and Complaints concerning certain Trespasses and Complaints against the forms of divers Statutes against forcable Entrys and Detainers and all other Articles and offences whereof Richard Snowden stands Indicted or presented & Complained of before you on the Complaint of Edward Gaither of the said County Yeoman that the said Richard Snowden and Others disturbers of the peace the 23: day of July 1724 into one Grist Water Mill and one hundred and twenty Acres of Land Called Round about Hills with the Appurts then and yet being the freehold of the said Edward Gaither and in the Possession of the aforesaid Gaither as Tenant in fee there of Lying in the County aft peaceably and Quietly Entered and afterwards to wit the 23. day of July 1724 at the Tract of Land aft in the County aft the aft Edward Gaither from the Mill aft with the Appurts Viz with Guns Clubs Staves and Swords Unlawfully and with strong hand did Eject Expell and Amove And the aft Edward Gaither being so there of Expelled Ejected and Amoved from the Mill aft with the Appurts Unlawfully and with strong hand then and there hold out and Detained to the great Damage of the aft Edward Gaither and against our Peace and Contrary to the Form of the Statute in Such Case made and Provided as it was Said should be heard and Determined before the Justices of our provincial Court and not Elsewhere Do Command you that all and Singular the Judictments presentments and Complaints aft with all things Concerning the Same by whatsoever name the said Richard Snowden is Called or reputed under your Seals you Send before our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Thursday of October next that our said Justices your said Provincial Court may do therein that which of right is to be done Witness Samuel Young Esq: Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 27th day of May in the 9th year of our Dominion &c. Anno Q: Dom: 1724.

(Jerings)

Allowed this 28th day of Sept: 1724

Sam: Young

At which said third Thursday of October to wit the twentieth day of the same Month Anno Dom: 1724 being the day of the return of the foregoing writ the said Richard Warfield and Edmond Benson in Compliance with the writ aft make return there of to the Court here as follows viz: The Answer of Richard Warfield and Edmond Benson Justices within Mentioned. The Record and process of the Complaint whereof Mention is made within and of all things Concerning the same to the Justices of the Provincial Court within Mentioned at the day and place within Contained we send in a certain Record to this writ Annexed as within we are Commanded.

(Given)



Given under our hands and Seals this 4th day of October Anno Dom: 1724

Richard Warfield

Edmond Benson

Which Record Mentioned in the aforegoing return follows in these words viz:

Maryland Ann Arundell County ss: We Richard Warfield and Edmond Benson two of the Justices of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprty that now is for keeping the peace within the County aforesaid aforesaid do Certify that on the twenty third day of July Anno Dom: One thousand seven hundred and twenty four Edward Gaither of Ann Arundell County Yeoman Complained to us that Richard Snowden of the same County Merchant and Others Disturbers of the Peace of the said Lord Proprty to us unknown the 23: day of July One thousand seven hundred and twenty four aft into one Grist Water Mill and one hundred and twenty Acres of Land Called Round about Hills with the Appurtenances then and yet being the freehold of the said Edward Gaither in the possession of the aft Edward Gaither as Tenant in fee there of lying in the County aft peaceably and Quietly Entered and afterwards to wit the 23. day of July Anno Dom: Seven hundred twenty four at the Tract of Land aft in the County aft the aft Edward Gaither from the Mill aft with the Appurts Viz with Guns Clubs Staves and Swords unlawfully and with strong hand did Eject Expell and Amove and the aft Edward Gaither being so there of Expelled Ejected and Amoved from the Mill aft with the Appurts unlawfully with strong hand then and there hold out and Detained to the great Damage of the aft Edward Gaither and against the peace of the said Lord Proprty and Contrary to the Form of the Statute in Such Cases made and Provided and whereupon the said Edward Gaither praieth Remedy from us and to be Relieved in this behalf. Thereupon We the said Richard Warfield and Edmond Benson Immediately came in Our Own proper persons to the Mill aft with the Appurts and there found William Evans John Williams and Grace his wife who being ordered by us the Justices aforesaid to deliver possession of the aft Mill and the house adjacent thereunto did deliver peaceably the same which Mill with the house and Appurts thereto belonging we the Subscribers Justices aforesaid did deliver into the possession of Edward Gaither. Given under our hands and Seals this 23: day of July Anno Dominii 1724.

Richd Warfield

Edmd: Benson

And now here at this day to wit the 20th day of October Anno Dom: 1724 Comes into his Lord Ships Provincial Court here as well Dan: Dulany Esq: his Lordships Attorney General who for his Lordship in this behalf Prosecutes for the said Richard Snowden by Edmond Jennings his Attorney and the said Richd Snowden by his said Attorney prays time in til the next Court to Show Cause why the proceedings of the Justices aft should not be Quashed and restitution awarded & he hath it and the same day is given the Atty Genl who (At)

Ex also.