Lancelot Todd Petition

To the Honourable the Justices of the Provincial Court
The Petition of Lancelot Todd of Baltimore County Gent

Most humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner having had the Misfortune to be bound as surety with the Relict and Executrix of Major Richard Colegate late of Baltimore County deceased for the due Administration of the said Colegate's estate and shewing that one James Cowdle who Intermarried with the said Executrix Wasted and Squandered away the said Estate — Your Petitioner well knowing that he must be Answerable so far as his own small fortune would go for the Effects of the said Colegate to his Representatives advised with Mr. Bordley & Mr. Dulany how to proceed for his best security and Acted according to their directions which tho' your Petitioner believes the best the Circumstances of the Case would admit of proved very Expensive and Troublesome. That your Petitioner Apprehending that notwithstanding all the Care and pains he could take to Extricate himself from trouble about the said administration that he should be sued on the Parlamentary bond before the late Acts of Assembly were made Retained the said Gentlemen and gave each of them a retaining fee for to secure their service and assistance in case of need which your Petitioner Apprehended not only to be Justifiable but necessary and prudent. That your Petitioner is now actually sued and as his case is circumstanced cannot tho' he has good matter to plead and alledge for himself make any defence because he cannot without Committing Wilful perjury (as he expresses) take the Oath of a Plaint that he has not given any other gratuity &c to his Counsellors or advisers &c as provided by the late Act of Assembly and that your Petitioner cannot Entertain the least thought of being guilty of so black and horrible a Crime tho' to save himself & a very numerous family from certain ruin. This being your Petitioners case he humbly prays your honours advice and assistance therein and he will pray &c.

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which Petition was thus Endorsed

By the Provincial Court May 27th 1726

The within Petition being read is Rejected the Matters therein Contained not lying properly for Relief before this Court. Signed per order Nathl Dinton Cl

Turner Wootton being bound by recognizance for his appearance at this Court to give Evidence on behalf of his Lordship against Edward Learner, Appears According to the Tenor of the said Recognizance and is Discharged there from.

Turner Wootton being bound by recognizance for a Certain Wm Smith his appearance at this Court to give Evidence on behalf of his Lordship against Edward Learner, The said William Smith Appears According to the Tenor of the said Recognizance and thereupon the said Turner Wootton is Discharged therefrom

Modecai Hammond being bound by recognizance for his Appearance here at this Court to give evidence on behalf of his Lordship against William Stanly he appears according to the Tenor of the said Recognizance and is discharged therefrom

Ef William Wilkinson	Dt 600 lbs tob.	TB The Lordship	Dt 10000 lbs tob. sued on a bond Van Bartholoo
DD Charles Carroll Ex. Cha: Carroll	Ptf	Herman Van Bartholoo	Ptf bond Anno 1717 at resp. of Bladens adm.
DD Mary Wasson Ex. Jan: Wasson	Replevin	DD WC John Seager	Trespass Venue Chany
TB Daniel Mariarte		Ef John Biggs	
DD James Williamson	Dt 144:16:8 tob. Sch. Sp.	DD Wm The same	Trespass Venue Pl.
WC TB Ef Patrick Andrew	Gen. Dam.	Ef John Smith	abated
DD The same	Dt 119:18:0 tob.	DD Jg. Patrick McKnight	Acct. bail bond ass.
WC TB Ef The same	Gen. Dam.	WB John Eight Ex. Vidale	
Jg TB John Dowdale	Trespass	Ef Danl. Bryan	Covenant Spec. Jugd
DD Ef John Ward		DD Bryan Smalwood	
DD Eleanor Manning ad. John Manning	Replevin	TB WC Wm Cumming Surviving adm.	Ff
WC Thomas Manning		Jg Nathaniel Wright	
DD Patrick Creagh	Replevin	TB John Smith	Att.
Ef Thomas Howard Smith		WCH John Hampton Gard. of Jn. Stack	
DD Lloyd Harris	Dt	Ff Aquila Hall assigned of Dan. Dulany	Att.
TB Jg John Rickman		TB John Stokes for Rogerd Abigale Gard. Fran: Holl adm.	
DD The same	Dt	TB Ann Osburn als Spriggs	Att.
TB Jg John Stokes		DD Margt Spriggs Gard. Thos Spriggs	
DD The same	Dt	DD John Hall Esq.	Ff
TB Jg Edward Hale		Ef James Brosbury	
DD Mary Marshall	Dt	TB Buckler Partridge	Dt 8874 lbs tob. Spec. Jugd & Venue Chty
Jg Richard Smithers		DD Wm Smith	
DD The same	Dt	DD The Lord Proprty	Dt 2000 stg. sued on Bond Kings Attorn bond at resp. of Gd Jn. Dorsey.
Jg John Stokes		Ef John Hale Esq.	
DD Joshua Doyne	Ff	DD The same	Same Dt. sued on same bond at same resp.
WC The Vestry of Wm & Mary Parish	Venue Pl.	Ef Christopher Randale	
DD The Lord Proprty	Dt 2000 stg. sued on Bond Kings Attorn at resp. of Gd Jn. Dorsey		
Ef Roger Mathews			

These above several Causes are by the Court ordered to be Continued until next Court