Concerning the Same by what name by what Name soever The said David Peterkin is Called or Reputed under your Seals you Send before our Justices of Our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May next That our said Justices of our Provincial Court may do therein that which of Right is to be Done Witness Mathew Tilghman Ward Esqr Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 28th Day of October in the Sixteenth year of our Dominion Anno Dom 1780

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And now here at this Day to wit the said third Tuesday of May being Being the 9th Day of of the same month anno Dom 1731 being the Day of The return of the foregoing Writ the said Henry Emmalls & Tobias Dollard in Compliance to the Writ aforesaid make return to the Court here as followeth Viz:

The Execution of the within Writ appears by a Certain Schedule hereunto annexed So answers — Henry Emmalls, Tobias Pollard

An Inquisition Indented and Taken for the Right honorable The Lord Propty at a Plantation called Horns in Dorchester County the twentieth Day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and thirty by the Oath of Thomas Howell William Murry John Kirk Thomas Emmalls John Rit Richard Addams William Stevens William Stafford William Wharyland Joseph Emmalls Thomas Howell Henry Emmalls Daniel Hubbard Richard Manning John Miles Anthony Taylor John Jones Thomas Ecclestone John Vickers John Stewart William Ross Patrick Bradhand before Henry Emmalls & Tobias Pollard Esquires Justices of the said Lord Propty the Peace in the County aforesaid to Conserve a Inquired as also divers Felonies Trespasses and other Evil Deeds in the Same County Constituted to hear and Determine who upon their Oath do say that Charles Stapleford and Thomas Stapleford of Dorchester County Planters were Lawfully & peaceably seized in their Demesne as of fee of and in one Messuage and Tract of Land called Horns & the Appurtenances in Dorchester County aforesaid and their peaceable possession aforesaid continued until David Peterkin of Dorchester County aforesaid Gentleman and other Evil Doers unknown the twelth Day of February in the year aforesaid with force and Arms to wit with Swords Staves & Guns into the Messuage & Tract of Land aforesaid with the appurtenances entered and them the said Charles Stapleford & Thomas Stapleford thereof disseized and with a strong Hand expelled and so thereof being expelled and Disseized from the Messuage & Tract of Land aforesaid with the appurtenances from the aforesaid Twelth Day of February in the year aforesaid till this Day of taking this Inquisition with a Strong hand and Armed power have held out and still do hold out to the great disturbance of the peace of the said Lord proprietary and against the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided when no one of them nor any other whose Estate he or they have had in any thing in the Messuage and Tract of Land aforesaid with the appurtenances within three years next before the Entry aforesaid nor at any Time to the knowledge of the Jurors In Witness whereof the said Jurors have hereunto set their hands & Seals this twentieth Day of February anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & thirty

As to the forcable Entry We say Ignoramus
As to the forcable Detainer We say Billa Vera

Thos Howell	Wm Murray	John Kirk	Thos Emmalls		
Daniel Hubbard	Richd Manning	John Rit	Wm Stevens		
William Stafford	Henry Emmalls	Richard Addams	Wm Wharyland		
Thos Emmalls	Thos Howell	Patk Bradhorne	Jno Miles		
John Jones	Thos Ecclestone	Wm Rust			

Whereupon The said David Peterkin being present in his proper Person and Instantly demanded by the said Justices whether he had any thing for himself to say wherefore the said Justices to Judgement of and upon the premisses should not proceed Said that he had not any thing to alledge in Barr or avoidance thereof Therefore It was Considered by the Justices the said twentieth Day of February in the year aforesaid at the Plantation Called Horns aforesaid in the County aforesaid that the Messuage and Tract of Land aforesaid with the appurtenances should be seized and the said Charles Stapleford and Thomas Stapleford thereunto should be restored and to their full possession thereof in as large & ample Manner as they were before the said Entry was made and further the same Day and year aforesaid at the Place aforesaid it was further Considered that the said David Peterkin be committed into the Custody of the Sheriff of the said County thereto remain until he should make two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco Fine and Ransom to the Right Honorable the Lord Propty for the Forcable Detainer aforesaid and accordingly the said David Peterkin into the Custody of the said Sheriff for that Cause was Immediately Committed — Henry Emmalls (Seal), Tobias Pollard (Seal)

We Henry Emmalls & Tobias Pollard two of the Justices of the Right Honorable the Lord Propty the Peace in the County of Dorchester to keep as also divers Felonies Trespasses and other Evill Deeds in the Same County Constituted to hear and Determine assigned by Virtue of this Writ to us delivered the Inquisition whereof mention is made in the same Writ to gether with all things touching the same Indictment to the Honourable the Justices of the Provincial Court distinctly and openly under our Seals Do Certify In Witness whereof We the aforesaid Henry Emmalls & Tobias Pollard our Seals have affixed the twelfth Day of May Seventeen Hundred thirty & one — Henry Emmalls (Seal), Tobias Pollard (Seal)

And now here at this Day to wit the said 9th Day of May anno Domini 1731 Comes into his Lordships provincial Court as well the said Mich: Howard Esqr his Lordships atty General who pr as the said David Peterkin by Daniel Dulany his atty. Whereupon upon the motion of the said Mich: Howard his Lordships atty General who on Suggesting the Insufficiency of the Inquisition & Proceedings aforesaid It is adjudged