this said Luke Rawn Roger Mathews & Edward Hall on the Information aft[d] &c —

Mtt The Lord Propry
&
Rt David Boterkin -

Know[e] the said David Boterkin obtained his Lordships Writ of Certiorari the Tenour whereof is as followeth Viz[t] Maryland ss

Charles Absolute Lord & Propry of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To Henry Emalls & Anthony Rawlings Esqrs two of our Justices of our Peace in the County of Dorchester and Divers felonies Trespasses & Misdeeds in the same County Committed to hear & Determine — assigned Greeting We being willing that all Presentments Indictments Recognizances and Inquisitions Concerning Certain Trespass and Contempts against the form of Divers of the Statutes of our Lord the King that now is against formable Injurys or formable Detainers or any other Articles or Offences whereof David Boterkin Stands Indicted or presented or Complained of before you as it is said should be heard & Determined before the Justices of our Provincial Court & not Else where Do Command you that all & Singular the Indictments & Presentments with all things Concerning the same by what Name soever the said David Boterkin 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 October next that our said Justices of our said Provincial Court may Do therein that which of Right is to be done Witness Mathew Tilghman Ward Esq[r] Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 22[d] Day of May in the 17[th] Year of our Dom[n] &c — Anno q[ue] Dom 1731

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And now here at this Day to wit the said third Tuesday of October being the 6[th] Day of the same Month Anno Dom 1781 being the Day of the return of the aforegoing Writ the said Henry Emalls & Anthony Rawlings in Compliance with the Writ aft[d] — make return thereof to the Court here as followeth Viz[t] Dorchester County ss — —

The answer of Henry Emalls & Anthony Rawlings in the Writ within mentioned — —

We Henry Emalls & Anthony Rawlings two of the Justices of the Right Honble the Lord Propry that now is the Peace in this County aft[d] to Conserve as also divers felonies trespasses & other Misfeazances in the same County Comitted to hear & Determine assigned by Virtue of that Writ to us Delivered that Inquisition whereof within mention is made together with all things relating to the same to his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court distinctly & openly under our Seals we Certifye And to the same Justices We further Certifye that David Boterkin in the said Writ named before the Delivery of the said Writ & any Notice thereof given to us or either of us to wit the Eighteenth Day of June Anno Dom Seventeen hundred thirty & One was Convicted before us by his own proper Confession of the Fact & forcable Detainer in the same Inquisition mentioned the same David Boterkin having openly acknowledged the same in Manner & form as was in the Record thereof hereunto annexed Do Certifye And We also Certifye to the said Justices that the said David Boterkin or any person on his behalf did not on his Desire of an Allowance of the said Writ of Certiorari or at any other time Enter into before us or either of us or produce unto us or either of us a Recognizance Entered into for the Due prosecution of the said Writ of Certiorari pursuant to the Statutes of their late Majesties King William & Queen Mary & King William the third made to prevent Delays of Proceedings at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace or any other Law or Statute whatsoever And We do further Certifye to the said Justices of the said Provincial Court that We or either of us have not at any time been Certifyed by Writing or otherwise that the said David Boterkin or any person for him had on that occasion entered into any such Recognizance before any of the Justices of the said Provincial Court or of Dorchester County aft[d] pursuant to those Statutes & Laws And We likewise Certifye that there are not any other Presentments Indictments or Inquisitions before us or either of us whereof the said David Boterkin Stands indicted presented or Complained of In Testimony whereof We the aforesd (Henry)

Henry Emalls & Anthony Rawlins to these presents Do put our hands & Seals this first Day of October Anno Dom 1731

Henry Emalls (Seal)
Anth[y] Rawlings (Seal)

which Inquisition & other proceedings mentioned in the aforegoing return follows in these words (Viz[t]) Dorchester County ss

An Inquisition taken for the Right Honorable the Lord Propry that now is at Horns in Dorchester County the Seventeenth Day of June in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred thirty & one by the Oath of Captain Henry Hooper John Rice William Murray Richard Adams Isaac Nicols Benjamin Nicols Thomas Bramwell of Transquaking John Sharp Thomas Clark Edward Alford Edward Hardikin Edward Cook Henry Bradley John Wheeler Thomas Emals of Choptank John Pitt Abraham Clark Henry Wheeler Peter Nowell & Henry Hayward Sworn good & Lawfull men of the County aft[d] before Henry Emalls & Anthony Rawlins Esq[rs] two of the Justices of the said Lord Propry the Peace in the County aft[d] to Conserve aforesaid as also divers felonies trespass & other Misfeazances in the same County Comitted to hear & Determine who say upon their Oath that David Boterkin of Great Choptank Parish in the County aft[d] planter Daniel Bruffett of the said Parish & County Planter and Thomas Sharplow of the same Parish & County Planter the Eleventh Day of February which was in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred & thirty peaceably at Horns aft[d] in the County aft[d] into one Messuage & Six hundred Acres of plantable Land with the Appurtenances in Horns aft[d] in the County aft[d] then being the Freehold of a Certain Charles Shapleford & Thomas Shapleford & then in the Tenure & possession of a Certain Elizabeth Taylor unjustly & without Judgment did Enter & Entry make & then the said Charles Shapleford & Thomas Shapleford unlawfully & without Judgment then & there thereof Did Disseize & her the said Elizabeth Taylor unjustly & without Judgment from her possession thereof then & there Did Expell & Eject & the aft[d] Charles Shapleford & Thomas Shapleford so thereof disseized & the said Elizabeth Taylor so thereof Expelled & Ejected from the aft[d] Eleventh Day February in the said Year last mentioned until the Day of the taking this Inquisition from the Messuage aft[d] & other the premises with the Appurtenances with force & Arms &c unlawfully & with strong hand Did hoopout & still Do hoopout to the great Disturbance of the Peace of the said Lord Propry that now is his good rule and Government & Contrary to the Form of the Statute in such Case made & Provided Whereas none of them nor any other whose Estate they or any of them have any thing in the aft[d] Messuage & other the premises with the Appurtenances or any Parcell thereof had within three Years next before their Entry aft[d] nor at any Time to the Knowledge of the Jurors aft[d]

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Henry Hooper Foreman	(Seal)	John Sharp	(Seal)	John Pitt	(Seal)
John Rice	(Seal)	Thomas Clark	(Seal)	Abraham Clark	(Seal)
Wm Murray	(Seal)	Edward Alford	(Seal)	Henry H Wheeler	(Seal)
Richard Adams	(Seal)	Edward Cooke	(Seal)	Peter Nowell	(Seal)
Is Nicolls	(Seal)	Henry H Bradley	(Seal)	Henry Hayward	(Seal)
Benjn Nicolls	(Seal)	John Wheeler	(Seal)	Edwd E Hardikin	(Seal)
Thos Bramwell	(Seal)	Thos Emalls	(Seal)		

And thereupon the same Seventeenth of June in the said Inquisition mentioned at the place aft[d] before the Justices aft[d] came said David Boterkin Daniel Bruffet & Thos Sharplow voluntarily in their proper persons & immediately being severally asked how they of the premises upon them imposed would be acquitted the said Daniel Bruffet & Thomas Sharplow severally say that they Cannot Deny but that they are guilty of the Entry & forcable Detainer aft[d] in the Inquisition aft[d] Specifyed in Manner & form as by the same Inquisition above against them it is supposed & the Entry & forcable Detainer aft[d] in the Inquisition aft[d] above Specifyed Expressly acknowledge & the said David Boterkin Saith that of any

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