Prejudice of us or others then to what damage and prejudice of us and to
What Damage and prejudice of others and of whom and in what manner and
how and of what value the same Land is now before any other Improvement
of the said One hundred acres of Land and who are the present possessors of the
said One hundred acres of Land and who hath the Fee simple thereof and what
Lands and Tenements remain to the present possessors over and above the
said One hundred acres of Land and if the said Land remaining to the present
possessors over and above the said One hundred Acres will suffice to hold
their Manor viz. the Sixth part of their Manor allotted them by the Conditions
of Plantations for the Demesne as before the alienation &c as the County by
the alienation aforesaid in default of the present possession more than was
Went not to be Charged and priced and the Inquisition thereupon openly
and distinctly made to us in our High Court of Chancery under the Seal
and Seals of them by whom it was made without delay Send &c. upon return
of which writ in case the person or persons wholy the said Inquest shall be
found to be the true Owners and possessors of the Land fit to Build a forge
Mill and other Conveniences necessary for Carrying on an Iron work shall
refuse to Build such forge Mill and other Conveniences for such Iron Work
thereon within Six Months from that Date to be Computed and reckoned
and give Security the same Building to prosecute and finish within
four years after the Beginning and laying the foundation of such Forge
Mill it shall and may be Lawful for his said Lordship his Heirs and
Successors or for the Governor here for the time being from time to time to grant
any such One hundred Acres of Land fit to Build a forge mill and Conveniences
for an Iron Work as aforesaid together with free Egress and Regress to the
said Mill thro any mans Land next adjoining by the Virtue of the writ
aforesaid returned to be paid to the Owner of the said Land so found and
returned as aforesaid which said Grant to be made as aforesaid shall
be Good and Available in Law to the Grantee or Grantees as aforesaid
against all persons whatsoever any Law Custom or usage to the Contrary
thereof notwithstanding and in and by the same Act it is provided always
that before any person or persons whatsoever shall have such Grant to
Build a Forge Mill and other Conveniences for an Iron Work as aforesaid
He or they shall enter into Bond to his said Lordship with two Sufficient
Sureties in the Sum of One hundred pounds Sterling with Condition to begin
to Build the said Forge Mill and Conveniences for the Iron work as
aforesaid within Six Months then next to Come and the same Building to
prosecute and finish within four Years after such Beginning as in and
by the said Act of Assembly in its full force strength and Effect not
Repealed remaining at large appears And the aforesaid Caleb Dorsey further
Saith that after the publication of the Act of Assembly aforesaid to wit on

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The Eighth day of August Seventeen hundred and fifty Eight he the said Caleb
Dorsey and Certain Alexander Lawson and Edward Dorsey both now Deceased
being Desirous to Set up such Forging Mill and other Conveniences for the Carrying
on such Iron Works as in the said Act of Assembly is mentioned upon the One
hundred Acres of Land hereinafter particularly mentioned next adjoining to
a Run of Water Called Long Bridge Branch near the head of Curtis Creek in
Ann Arundel County aforesaid the said One hundred Acres not being before
Cultivated nor being the Estate of the Inheritance of them the said Caleb Dorsey
Alexander Lawson and Edward Dorsey nor Leased to them to the Intent thereon
to Set such Forging Mill and other Conveniences for the Carrying on such
Iron Works did according to the Act of Assembly aforesaid Purchase a Writ out
of Chancery directed to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid by which
said writ the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is Commanded
the said Sheriff that by the Oaths of Twelve honest and Lawful men of the
County by whom the truth of the Matter might be better known he should
diligently enquire if it was to the Damage and Prejudice of the said Lord
Proprietary or others if the said Lord Proprietary should Grant unto Caleb
Dorsey Alexander Lawson and Edward Dorsey One hundred Acres of Land
lying on a Branch Called Long Bridge Branch near the head of Curtis Creek
in the County aforesaid as might be most Convenient for the Building and
Setting up a Forge Mill and other Conveniences as should be necessary for the
Carrying on an Iron Work and if it was to the Damage and prejudice of
the said Lord Proprietary and others then to what Damage and Prejudice of the
said Lord Proprietary and to what Damage and prejudice of Others and of whom
and in what manner and how and of what Value they were Lately the year then
before any other Improvements of the said One hundred Acres of Land and
who were the then Possessors of the said One hundred Acres of Land and who
had the fee simple thereof and what Lands and Tenements remained to the then
possessors over the said One hundred Acres and if the said Land remaining to
the then possessor over the said One hundred Acres would suffice to hold
their Manor viz. the Sixth part of their Manor allotted them by the Conditions
of Plantations for the Demesne as before the alienation &c as the County by
the alienation aforesaid in default of the then possession more than was
Went not to be Charged and priced and the Inquisition thereupon openly
and distinctly to make to the said Lord Proprietary in the said Lord
Proprietary's High Court of Chancery under the Seal and Seals of them
by whom it should be made without delay Send and the same writ &c.
which same writ afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the
County aforesaid to a Certain Upton Scott Esquire then being Sheriff of

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