Whereupon the said Thomas Smith prefers his petition

To the honorable Thomas Smith Esq. Judge

and the honorable the Justices of the provincial Court

The humble petition of Thomas Johnson of Queen Anne County Court Clerk

That your petitioner and many his ancestors the

second day of April 1658 by a certaine deeds or instrument

of bargaine & sale unto Jonathan Matthews of London

merchant Demised of Mr Thomas Jenifer and Mr Thomas Gray

a certaine tract of land which appeareth by a duplicate

instrument of Defeazance from the said Thomas Gray bearing

the same date with the said Bargaine & Sale

was only made for the securing the payment of the

sume of two hundred and fifty pounds sterling due payable

to Mr Matthews and the sume of one hundred and fifty

pounds lock drawne upon him by bill of Exchange & ob-

tained to him with interest & Cost within the terme

of four years.

And whereas that the said Thomas Johnson

did by another instrument under his hand and seale

Release and Sell a certaine Plantation Negroes

and Stock for and in consideration of the sume of

three hundred and fifty pounds to be paid unto the

said Jonathan Matthews or bills of Exchange to be given

in a proviso thereon without the time and space of

seaven years within the Court and Collier of the

Generall Bills of Rock. issued by the said Jonathan

Matthews protested which were the Considerations of

the said Instruments & stated only the sume of one

hundred & three pounds sterling.

Your petitioner therefore most humbly pray

the same deeds may be not accepted in this Court

for

for reason the Considerations were not are not paid according

to the true intent and meaning of the same. And your

petitioner will pray &c.

Which being read and heard and the premises

duly considered It is ordered hereon that the said deeds be not

recorded till the next provincial Court shewing any advantage to

petitioner by the lapse of time for recording the same it

appearing to this Court that the considerations therein expressed

were never paid with by the Grantee at which time the

court there upon the further application of the parties concerned

this Court will readily take order therein what to Justice appertaine.

Ordered that whereas there have been sundry reports

made concerning one John Knight which was supposed to have

been murdered by some of Mr. Edmund Hood's servants negroes

to whom the said Knight was overseer by which means the Mr

Negroes were in danger of being apprehended and wrongfully im-

prisoned to answer for the same supposed murder which reports

were occasioned by the said Knight's secret absenting himself

from the said Hood or other Persons without any other ground

he being now produced in open court alive & Mr John Knight

Mr John Knight he by the said Hood was taken

home to his Mr Hoods own house and he by him

shown to the neighbouring inhabitants and particularly to his

worship Mr Robert Triad & Mr Daniel Hodson Justices

of the peace in Prince Georges County to prove the

falsity of the aforementioned reports.

A certaine John Oldham of Talbot County being appeared

to this Court to serve as a juror in the stead of one Thomas

Bracey of the said County without his priority or consent of this Court

and after a false manner answered to the name of Thomas Bracy

upon