



Representation of the case between James Callwell & Mary Douglas of East Nottingham, Chester County.

Whereas Mary Douglas some Time ago sent a Petition to the Land office setting forth that about ten years ago she settled on a Piece of Vacant ground adjoining James Caldwell, and that she settled it with his Consent & of the Rest of the Neighbours, and that when she was able she obtained a Warrant (for 25^o) to secure the same, which was kept in my Hands, Notwithstanding

which I have Run abt. her little Improvement by a later warrant to James Caldwell. All which may be Plainly & intelligibly answer'd in a few words; it is true the Land might be Termed Vacant when she Settled (or rather was settled) on it, because there never had been any warrant obtained for it, but according to the best Intelligence I could get of it (& which I believe to be true) her Uncle Robert Cather the former Possessor of that Place (now Purchased by James Caldwell) Settled her thereon, it being one corner of his Plantation or the Land claimed by him; and made an Agreement wth her that she should Live there Undisturbed for a certain Time set, which Time I Understood to be three Years (or somewhat to this Purpose) and accordingly when her said Uncle went away he sold his Place together with that Part of it at a Publick Vendue; it passed on so for some Time, I believe several Years, Till somebody I suppose put it in this Womans head to get a Warrant perswading her that notwithstanding her sd. Bargain with her uncle she might hold the Land thereby, which for ought I care she may as long as her miserable Life Endures; For when I Survey'd the Land, I advised her to sell her warrant to Ja^s Caldwell so that she might not be a Loser by it and told her if she was ^{not} Contented with that, That I would Return it as Land in Dispute. But that I could not in Justice lay her 25^o out believing the State of the Case to be as aforesaid; her Improvement is not much more than half an Acre; & where to find y^e half of 25^o clear of James Caldwell's apparent Right & other Disputes I know not. Now whether her Representation of her Case be Genuine, Judge y^e.

George Churchman. —

12th mo. 8th. 1754.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this seventh day of October 1907.

Henry H. H. H.
Secretary of Internal Affairs.