

and that if he would reason the matter I would convince him that he was in the wrong thus to attack and insult me—for which I appealed to Sutherland, in whose store this took place. He then let go his hold.

*JAMES DOUGLAS recalled and examined.*

Q. Have you complained to any member of this Committee, that you have been molested by legal proceedings while in attendance as a Witness, in obedience to the Summons of this Committee, served upon you at your own house in King's County?

A. I have.

Q. Explain to the Committee the proceedings?

[Here the Witness handed to the Chairman a paper which was served upon him.]

Q. Who served it upon you?

A. Mr. Edward Palmer's Clerk.

Q. Do you know that person's name?

A. No; but he told me he was Mr. Edward Palmer's Clerk?

Q. Do you mean Mr. Edward Palmer, Member of the House of Assembly?

A. Yes.

*JAMES DOUGLAS again called in and examined.*

Q. You stated, in a former part of your evidence, that you had been served, by a person whom you have been informed is Clerk to Mr. Edward Palmer, with a document issued out of the Court of Chancery, demanding from you immediate payment of a certain sum of money, being the expenses of the opposite party in that Court—are you able to pay the demand, as required by that document?

A. No.

Q. Then are you destitute of means to carry on the suit, if there should appear any prospect of your thereby getting redress?

A. Yes; I have been striving for the last ten years for my right, and that expense, and the measures taken by the Sheriff of King's County, have reduced me at present so far that I cannot pay the sums they are bringing forward against me, nor raise money to pay for further legal advice.

Q. From the observations of the former Chancellor, Sir John Harvey, it appears that he considered your case and Mr. Dingwell's the same in principle—is Mr. Dingwell your neighbour?

A. Yes.

Q. Has he means to carry on the suit in Chancery?

A. No, he has not; I myself had to advance money on behalf of Mr. Dingwell in this matter.

Q. What age is he?

A. About 80 years.

Q. How long has he been resident on that farm?

A. To the best of my knowledge, 37 years.

Q. Is his farm sold?

A. Yes, it was sold in the course of this winter at the suit of the proprietor.

Q. For how much did it sell?

A. I cannot exactly say; but I have been told that it was sold for £5 9s.

Q. How many acres on this (Dingwell's) farm, do you think are cleared?

A. I think there are 100 acres at least?

Q. If you had to hire people to clear the same quantity of land and put up the same Buildings and fences as you have on your farm, what would it cost, at the most moderate calculation?

A. I think it must be upwards of £300, at the lowest calculation.

Q. How much have you cleared on your farm?

A. There is, on my farm, from 65 to 70 acres cleared and under fence, and I have a Dwelling-house and good Barn on it.

*WILLIAM DOUGLAS, aged 19, son of the preceding Witness, called in and examined.*

Q. Did the Sheriff take your person?

A. The Constables did.

Q. Where?

A. In my father's stable, in the morning, the first time they came after the sale by the Sheriff. The Stable was locked when they came, and they broke the lock—I went in after them.

Q. Did you threaten to strike any of them?

A. No.

Q. Did you see the Constables have fire arms?

A. Yes—and when they laid hold of me, they threatened if I would offer to run away that they would shoot me.

Q. Did they say they had a Warrant from any authority for your apprehension.

A. I demanded a sight of it, but they would show none, nor did they even say they had one.

Q. Was Mr. McCallum, the Sheriff, present?

A. Yes; it was on his verbal orders that they laid hold of me, because I said I did not know where the cattle were—there were no cattle inside. They then took me about 18 miles to Dr. Jardine, a Justice of the Peace. The Sheriff did not go further than his own house, but one Bambrick and one McEwen went, by orders of the Sheriff. When we arrived there I was taken in—the Constables told him that I was brought in as prisoner—Dr. Jardine asked me what I had done—I told him I knew of having done no wrong—and wished to know what was alleged—Dr. Jardine did not inform me of the nature of the allegation against me, but said I must find security both to keep the peace and to stand trial at Georgetown, which security I found immediately, and was thereafter liberated. Confirms the particulars as to the challenge yesterday of his father by McMillan:—Saw the Sheriff yesterday collar my father, and then my father collared him. The Sheriff said he would call all the men to take him—wc