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Now soe itt is that the Complt intending to returne out of this Province into England with his wife there to Reside, and to leave the managem^t of his affayres in this Province with Richard Hotchkeyes and M^{rs} Anne Tilney one John Nicholls an Inhabitant of this Province who had been long and much indebted to the Complt; and from yeare to yeare forborne by him without ever takeing one penny of him for the damage of non payments being growne very poore and vnable by his labo^{rs} to pay his debts, and mayntayne himselfe wife and Children did some two or three moneths before the Compl^s departure for England in the yeare 1659 sell the Complt his plantacon And more to lessen his Charge did by the mediation of the s^d Rich^d Hotchkeys M^{rs} Anne Tilney and others earnestly Jmportune the Complt. & his wife to take his eldest daughter named Hester being ab^t 10 or 11 yeares ould, an Apprentice for five yeares which the Complt refused and yett att last by the earnest sollicitacōn of the sd Nicholls himselfe and others in his behalfe. And in Commiseracōn of his poore Estate and the sd child who was in a very poore Conditōn for want of Cloathes as well Linnen as woollen, did Condiscend to accept her for seaven yeares, And accordingly an Jndenture was drawne Signed & Sealed by the said Nicholls and his daughter in the p^rsence of the s^d Hotchkeys and John Abington without any other Condition than w^t was Conteyned in the s^d Jndent^r. And whereas in a petⁿ to this hono^{ble} Courte the 11th of February 1661 Jtt is falsly alledged by the s^d Nicholls that the Complt did earnestly press him for his s^d daughter promising she should doe nothing else but wayte vpon his wife who itt is well knowne wanted noe Attendants of farr better fashon, And was shortly intended to goe for England with the same mayd she brought with her, with noe Resolucōn as was well knowne to the s^d Nicholls of returning againe into this Province. And to bee att the Charge of transporting or keepeing such a Rude Rawe ill bred Childe for or in England where Servants of all sorts may be had on Easier tearmes, is altogether Jmprobable yett how otherwise she should doe nothing else but wayte vpon his wife or that he the s^d Cap^t should take as much Care for her as his owne Child which is also Sworne by his Confederate Edward West, he humbly desires this hono^{ble} Court to take into their serious Consideracōn as alsoe the last Clause of the s^d Nicholls his petⁿ wherein he Craves that his daughter may not be made a Slaue a tearme soe Scandalous that if admitted to be the Conditōn or tyle of the Apprentices in this Province will be soe distructive as noe free borne Christians will ever be induced to come over servants. of all which falsetyes the s^d Nicholls and West were soe Conscious (as the Complt hath reason to beleive that they

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