

how to free him from Slavery but by his Maj^{ties} gracious assistance And praying that the said Eaton may be summoned to answer the Premisses at this Board

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As in the Petition if more at large Express His Maj^{ty} in Council is graciously pleased to Referr this Complaint to the R^t Hono^{ble} the Lords of the Committee For Trade & Forreign Plantation who are to have a Copie of the Petition and to Cause the Persons therein named to be sent for And having examined the whole matter to Report to this Board how they finde the same together with their Lo^{ps} opinion thereupon

Francis Guyn.

To the Kings most Excellent Majestie
The humble Petition of Audrey wife of
Capt Richard Beale one of y^r Maj^{ty}'s Brigandiers.

Sheweth

That William Godwin, of the age of 16 years yo^r Pet^{rs} brother Designing to learne the Art of Navigation Did about 2 years & half ago Contract with Capt Ioseph Eaton Mariner to go with him upon a voyage to Mariland with an intention afterwards to Serve the said Eaton as his apprentice for a time if he liked that voyage, w^{ch} was consented unto & agreed between them; and the voyage being made, the said Captain Eaton after his arrivall in Mariland and the Ship under saile for England did send his boat From a Shore to fetch the said William Godwin to him to one Captain Slyes house in Maryland, and immediately made sale of him as a Slave to one Thomas Gerard Inhabitant of that place as can be testified by one Peter Harris a Servant to Captain Sly of London merchant, now in the Custody of the Pryor of Bridewell in Tuttle fields for offering to attest the same.

Now forasmuch as yo^r pet^{rs} brother is kept there in Slavery Contrary to the Constitutions of y^r Maj^{ty} Government and in breach of Faith and trust reposed in the said Eaton and that yo^r pet^r knows no way to Free him from thence but by yo^r maj^{ty} gracious favor and assistance The said William Goodwin being S^r William Boremans Nephew.

Yo^r Pet^r therefore most humbly Implores yo^r Sacred Maj^{ty} to Comand the said Eaton to come before yo^r maj^{ty} to answer the premisses, and also the Keeper of Bridewell to bring the said Peter Harry before that yo^r Maj^{ty} will be graciously pleased Governor of Mariland to send over yo^r brother and that the said Eaton may bear the charge thereof and further abide yo^r Maj^{ty} pleasure therein

And yo^r Pet^r shall in duty bound ever pray

A true copy

Frances Guyn.