

P. R. O.
Colonial
Papers.

(Endorsed)
10 Dec 1684
Reference and Petition of
Audrey Beale.
Read 31 Dec: '84.

Whitehall 20. Dec. 1684.

Whereas His Ma^{ty} in Council has been pleased to refer to the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee for Trade & Plantation the Petition & Complaint of M^{rs} Audrey Beale concerning the sale of Will^m Goodwin in Maryland with Direction that the Persons hereafter named be sent for upon the said Complaint, These are to signify unto the said Persons that they give their Attendance accordingly at the Councill Chamber on Tuesday next at four in the afternoon at w^{ch} Time their Lo^{ps} will take that Business into Consideration

William Blathwayt

Joseph Eaton
Peter Harris.

(Endorsed)
20th Dec 84.
Summons in the case
of Audrey Beale.

To the R^t Honble S^r Geo: Jefferyes K^{nt} and B^t Lord
Chief Justice of his Maj^{ty}s Court of Kings bench and
one of his Maj^{ty}s most hon^{ble}
Privy Councill.

The Petition of Jos Eaton of London Maryner in
answer to the Complaint of Ann Beale & others

Humbly Sheweth.

That whereas complaint hath been made to yo^r Lord^{ps} ag^t yo^r pet^r for carrying into Maryland in the yeare 1685 a boy W^m Goodwin by name ag^t his free will and consent. Now may it please yo^r Lordsp yo^r pet^r hath for many yeares been a Commander of a Ship to Virginia & as it is Customary hath carryed Severall Merch^{ts} & their Servts but never any ag^t their consent as is objected Moreover haveing examined the matter finds no such person carryed by that name as the complainants do allege they onely endeavouring by clamorous & false reports to blemish & calumniate your Pet^r to yo^r Lords^p & the more to strengthen their alligations have tempered wth a Negro boy belonging to Goo^t Slye of London Merch^t w^{ch} boy was never in England till within this three or foure months. and consequently can truely testyfy nothing in this matter tho the better to Serve their turn understanding the black to be no cristian