

& by that means incapable of being evidence in their behalfe without due regard to the qualification of the party (as some of them have owned caused him contrary to the knowledge of his master in some unknown place to be christianed and presently after he declared he knew not their designe nor the contents of the affidavitt.

P. R. O.
Colonial
Papers.

The Prymasis considered yo^r pet^r most humbly submitts the case to yo^r Lorps^p Determination beging y^r Lordships favourable construction yo^r pet^r being able to make it appeare that he never carryed any over contrary to their consent or good will.

(Endorsed)

Answer of Ios: Eaton
to the Petition of
Audrey Beal.

Councill Chamber

23. Dec: 1684.

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The Lords of the Privy councill appointed a committee for the plantations think fitt that you bring Peter Harris a black now in your custody on Wednesday next at four in the afternoon to answer such questions as shall be asked concerning William Goodwin

(Endorsed)

Letter to the Keeper of
Bridewell ab^t Peter Harris.

31 Dec. 1684

May it please yo^r Ma^{tye}

Wee have in pursuance of Yo^r Ma^{tye}s Order in Council of the 10th December last considered the Petition of M^{rs} Audrey Beal setting forth that her brother William Goodwin had about two yeares and a half since agreed with Ioseph Eaton Mariner to goe a voyage to Maryland with intention afterwards to serve the said Eaton as an Apprentice for some time if he liked the Voyage: That in Maryland the said Eaton made sale of the said Goodwin to one Gerard Sly an Inhabitant there And having examined as well the said Audrey Beal and such Witnesses as shee did produce as the said Ioseph Eaton who disowned the knowing him by the name of Goodwin hee having gone by the name of wee find by a letter produced by the pet^r which shee received from a Negro newly arrived from that Plantation and which shee affirms to be her brothers hand-writing and well knows that it is the same person by which Letter the Sd William Goodwin owns that he had shipped him selfe on board the said Eatons Ship to goe into that Country