

Shall for the present have his corne and one Shirt and as Liber B.  
touching the rest of his Clothes and other things claimed p at  
p Petition It is ordered that the further hearing, as touching  
them be respited till the next Court where the defend<sup>t</sup> may by  
himself or Attorney make what further defence he Cann if he  
think fitt and then the Court will proceed to give the plantiffe  
releife if there be Cause.

The Deposition of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Carpenter aged  
47 yeares or thereabouts Sworne and Examined  
in open Court. this 24<sup>th</sup> March 1652.

Sayth.

That being present at S<sup>r</sup> Inegos house about the Eighteenth  
of october last John Carrington did demand of M<sup>r</sup> Lawrence  
Starkey his freedom to which m<sup>r</sup> Starkey answer'd that he was  
not free untill Christmas then next or thereabouts to the best  
of his knowledge, further Saying that if he did not make it  
appeare before Christmas aforesaid that he the Said Carring-  
ton was not free untill Christmas aforesaid, that then the  
Said m<sup>r</sup> Starkey would Give the Said Carrington one hundred  
& forty pounds of Tobacco or to that Efect, And further  
Sayth not

Jurat

To the Honourable the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill of  
the Province of Maryland, the Humble Petition  
of John Carrington planter.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner being Newly free hath Severall times  
demanded his corne and Clothes and an axe and a hoe from  
m<sup>r</sup> Lawrence Starkey his last Master as alsoe one hundred and  
forty pounds of Tobacco and Caske for his Service from the  
tenth day of October Last past untill Christmas last, being due  
to your Petitioner by contract made with the Said m<sup>r</sup> Starkey,  
that although your Petitioners demands be Justly due by the  
Custome of the Countrey and contract as aforesaid Yet the  
Said m<sup>r</sup> Starkey doth absolutely refuse to make yo<sup>r</sup> petitioner  
Satisfaction by meanes whereof your Petitioner is disabled in  
putting himself in a way for the next years Crop to his very  
Great Damage and hath been necessitated to Commence his  
Suit for recovery thereof, and in the interim to remaine in an  
unsettled Condition to his Great Charge, yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> therefore  
humbly prays that he may have a Judgment against the Said  
m<sup>r</sup> Starkey for his three barrells of Corne and his clotheing,  
axe, and hoe and the hundred and forty pounds of Tobacco and  
Caske due for his Service as aboves<sup>d</sup> together with Court