

himself committed the said Deed to M<sup>r</sup> Miller to Doe the office abovesaid, but contrary to trust and promise he hath procured Administration for himself and pretends the deed to be insufficient in Law yett a long time refused to Deliver the said Deed but by the Industry of the Justices in Kent Court it was at last procured, which hath Encouraged your Petitioner to endeavour to proove the s<sup>d</sup> Deed herself and doe hope that your Hon<sup>r</sup> will take noe advantage for want of forme in the premisses for to ffulfill the Desire of the Deed it being noe wrong to the liveing, and that you will of your Clemency shew favour to the poore and the needy with the force of your power in your Office, And if the Deed be insufficient in it Self that your Hono<sup>r</sup> will be pleased to take notice that your Pet<sup>r</sup> did serve the said Lee as his housekeeper and her two Daughters also being weomen growne did work and make Tobacco and Indian Corne, finding ourselves bedding & houshold goods and remained in the service of the said Lee about ffifteen moneths the said Lee being for most part of the time much afflicted with sickness and Lameness, and Died thereof at last, Soe that if your Hono<sup>r</sup> doe not please to reverse M<sup>r</sup> Millers Administration, your Pet<sup>r</sup> & her daughters are left remediless, the Estate being small and under priced it now being in the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Miller who doth all he cann to intangle it in Law suites which before was not in Debt for your poore peticōner hath given satisfaction and owed to M<sup>r</sup> Miller but the leavyes of three persons being two hundred and tenn pounds of tobacco—w<sup>ch</sup> was a small Debt to Administer for had he not had other Evill considerations therein, by gaineing into his hands One Negro Mann and one boatesaile and Oares, and one Sloopes Hawser, the Appraisem<sup>t</sup> of the said Commodities not being prised past half or one third of what they are worth, the rest of the goods being of small value and comes to little, the said M<sup>r</sup> Miller being very cruell and taking all trifles whatsoever.

The premisses considered your poore Peticōner humbly prays yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> to grant her peticōn that she may be Admitted Admin<sup>rx</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> Estate and she shall give good Security for the pformance thereof, and shall as in Duty bound ever pray &<sup>c</sup>

Sarah Townsend

To which peticōn was annexed this following Epistle viz p. 165

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Chancelo<sup>r</sup>

These are to acquaint you that the thirteenth day of this instant Ap<sup>ll</sup> upon Request came M<sup>r</sup> Michael Miller to the house of James Ringold to meete the two weomen namely Sarah Humphryes & Sarah Townsend to receive the warr<sup>t</sup> from my Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> for the redelivery of Humphryes Estate,