

knowing the affaires of this Countrey) for advice from him Lib. R. R. R. concerning her comeing into this Province, & likewise informed him of her husbands desire. Thereupon the said Staples promised all the imaginable kindnesses to your Pet^{rs} said wife that might be in assisting her, in her and her Childrens passage for Maryland, asserting that he very well knew your Pet^r in this Countrey, and further that he would procure passage for them, and likewise carry them to her husband yo^r Pet^r and deliver them in Maryland aforesaid; upon which your Pet^{rs} said wife and two Children being very desirous of comeing to her husband and their ffather was glad of that oportunity, and thereupon your Pet^{rs} wife in Ireland aforesaid made a verball Contract with the said Staples for their passages, and thereby it was promised and agreed by the said Staples that he would have noe more for each of their passages then he paid himself for servants, and the same was to be paid by your Pet^r upon delivery of the said persons in Maryland, and not otherwise; your Pet^{rs} said wife being unacquainted with things of that nature, and altogether ignorant thereof without any further discourse or otherwise shipp'd her self, and her two Sonns (viz:) James and John Gale on board a shipp by the said Staples appointed in ord^r to their transportation into this Province, trusting to the s^d Staples his promise and agreem^t of delivering them here as aforesaid, and then to receive his pay of your Pet^r for their passages as p Contract aforesaid. But now soe it is may it please your Hono^{rs} the said Shipp, and your Pet^{rs} said wife and Children are since safe arrived in Virginia, where (contrary to your Pet^{rs} knowledge, and the agreem^t afores^d made in Ireland aforesaid) the said Staples hath sold and disposed of one of your Pet^{rs} s^d sonns named James Gale to serve for the tearme of five yeares, which (as your Pet^r is informed) was to defray the charge and passages of Servants the said Staples brought in, and your Pet^{rs} said wife and other Child the s^d Staples has brought into this Province, but never gave your Pet^r any notice thereof, and hath likewise (contrary to the knowledge of your Pet^r) carried the other Sonn named John Gale to Kent County Court, where he was adjudged to serve the said Staples Eleaven yeares.

After which your Pet^r (haveing Intelligence of their arrivall) he speedily tooke a journey to the said Staples house, and there demanded the said free passengers, Yett (although your Pet^r offered him pay for their passages, according to his the s^d Staples promise and Contract aforesaid) he denyed them, affirming that he had already disposed of your Pet^{rs} said Sonns, but that he might have his wife upon payment of Two Thousand pounds of Tobacco, which is not onely contrary to