

Lib. R. R. R an Act of Parliam^t in such cases made, and the Contract aforesaid, but also much to the greviance of your Pet^r Your Pet^r finding himself, altogether remediless herein without he is releived by your Hono^{rs} Therefore he most humbly suppli-
 cates your Hono^{rs} ord^r for precept to issue to the sheriff of Kent County to summons the said Henry Staples thereby commanding him under a certain penalty to be and appeare before your Hono^{rs} on a certain day to be by your Hon^{rs} prefix'd to answer the p^rmisses, that soe upon your Hono^{rs} further heareing the whole matter, your Pet^r may be (out of your bountifull goodness) releived herein, your Pet^r being alwaies ready to pay or secure to be paid the Tobacco for their passages as aforesaid, according to agreem^t aforesaid, which may amount to Three thousand pounds of Tobacco or thereabouts, or at such other rates as to your Hono^{rs} may seeme good, and also that the said Henry Staples may be by your Hon^{rs} obleiged forthwith to discharge your Pet^{rs} said Sonn James from his time of Servitude, and at the said Staples his Charge to be transported into this Province, and delivered in Maryland according to his the s^d Staples Contract and agreem^t made in Ireland aforesaid, And that your Pet^{rs} s^d wife and other Child may be discharged as aforesaid.

And your Pet^r shall ever pray &c^a whereupon issued this following precept to the sher. of Kent County (viz:)

By the hon^{ble} his L^{sp}s Council

Maryland ss:

Upon the Complaint of Abraham Gale of Som^rsett County against One Henry Staples for betraying the wife & Children of the said Abraham, and disposing of them in Virginia notwithstanding the agreement made betweene the said Staples and the said Gale's wife, was to transport them into this Province, and there dispose of them upon certain tearmes betweene them concluded on

These are therefore in the name of the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty} to will and require you Edward Swettnam high Sheriff of Kent County, immediatly upon sight hereof, to summons the said Henry Staples, and the wife of the said Gale, that all excuses sett apart they be and psonally appeare before the worshipfull the Commission^{rs} of the County Court of Talbott County at the first day of the next County Court to be holden for the said County then and there to answer the p^rmisses. And you are further ordered to take into Safe custody the said Staples untill he shall give good security for their appearances as aforesaid.

March 4th 1684

To the Sheriff of Kent County
 or his Dep^{ty}

Signed by ord^r

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