

acknowledge a deed of sayle of two hundred acres of land lying in Liber F F  
 great Choptanck & sould by me to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mountford Ratifying  
 and Confirming w<sup>t</sup>soeuer my said Attorney shall doe in the p<sup>r</sup>misses  
 as if I were p<sup>r</sup>sonally p<sup>r</sup>sent, In wittnes whereof I haue hereunto sett  
 my hand and seale this 23<sup>d</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1665 Thomas Mannyng  
 Wittnes seale

the marke **M** of Henry  
 Mitchell

Att a Court held att Newtowne for the County of S<sup>t</sup> Marys the  
 first Twesday in Nouemb<sup>r</sup> 1665

Coff W <sup>m</sup> Euans Esq <sup>r</sup> Councello <sup>r</sup>	} Com <sup>rs</sup>
M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Dent	
M <sup>r</sup> Luke Gardner	
M <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Bretton	
M <sup>r</sup> Nic <sup>o</sup> Young	

Leitut<sup>t</sup> Coff Jn<sup>o</sup> Jarboe  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Boarman  
 M<sup>r</sup> Randolph Hanson  
 M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Rosewell

The Attorney Generall informes the Court

Against Thomas Bennitt Carpent<sup>r</sup> for hoggs stealing humbly re-  
 questing the Court that the said Thomas put in security (the Co<sup>rt</sup>  
 taking Cognizance of the same) to answeere the Accōn in the behalfe  
 of the L<sup>d</sup> propriet<sup>r</sup> att the next Prouin<sup>all</sup> Court & Samuell Reap  
 informer giue bond to prosecute

Ordered that the said Thomas Bennitt giue in security to the sher- [p. 185]  
 riffe to appeare att the next Prouin<sup>all</sup> Court to answeere the said Com-  
 plaint and Samuell Reap giue Bond to prosecute

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Ordered upon the foregoing Order that the said Bennitt doe put  
 in Bond w<sup>th</sup> security to appeare the next Prouin<sup>all</sup> Court to answeere  
 what shall then be Objected ags<sup>t</sup> him on behalfe of the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup>

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Gouverno<sup>r</sup> & Councell In Prouin<sup>all</sup> Court Assembled

The humble pet<sup>n</sup> of Mi<sup>ch</sup>: Pickering sheweth

That yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> hath since his arriual into this Prouince being at  
 that time the full age of 18 yeares and upwards serued to One Rob<sup>t</sup>  
 Henly of Charles County the full terme & time of ffive yeares Com-  
 pleat & ended w<sup>th</sup>out any Indenture or being bound to the said Rob<sup>t</sup>  
 by the County Court, In Considera<sup>o</sup>n whereof yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> hath de-  
 manded from the said Rob<sup>t</sup> Henly his ffreedome w<sup>th</sup> Clothes & Corne  
 according to the Custome of the Country but the said Rob<sup>t</sup> Denyes  
 to giue the same to yo<sup>r</sup> petitioner except two yeares longer seruice,  
 Yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> therefore humbly prayes Releife herein and that this hon<sup>ble</sup>  
 Board will be pleased to Order him his ffreedome w<sup>th</sup> Corne &  
 Clothes, According to the Act of Assembly in that case prouided,  
 And as in duty shall pray &<sup>c</sup>: