

To the worshipfull Commissioners of Charleses Countie th<sup>e</sup> humble Lib<sup>r</sup> A  
Petition of John Neuill most humbly sheweth :

That Whearas William Robisson standeth indebted unto your  
Petitioner by bill and Account the ful sune of eight or nine hundred  
pounds of tob: as more largely doath Appear upon record and order  
passed for the sayd Debt but in regard it was in the time of owr  
Last disturbance and distraction of Gouverment (and your Petitioner  
beeing thearupon denied his iust debt) your petitioner in that respect  
hath entered his suit The Premisses beeing taken into your serious [p. 142]  
Considerations your Petitioner most humbly craueth order for his  
sayd debt with Cost and Charge of suit and your Petitioner as in  
dutie bound shal euer pray &<sup>c</sup>

Whearupon the Defendant most humbly Craueth a referance  
which is granted

William Robisson Plantiue } The Plantiue Aresting the defendant  
William Wennam Defendant } in an action of trespas prefereth his  
petition as followeth

To the Worshipfull Commissioners of Charleses Countie the  
humble petition of William Robisson most humbly sheweth

That Whearas William Wennam hath dishonored your Petitioners  
hous by Committing Fornication with your petitioners woman Sar-  
uant Anne Mardin as shee herself hath declared: and your petitioner  
thearupon went unto the sayd Wennam and told him of his abuse in  
priuate and aduised the sayd Wennam to tacke of the dishonor of  
his house whearupon the sayd Wennam replied hee woold first see  
whether shee proued with Child or no and your petitioner not find-  
ing him to take any Care of the Premisses your petitioner most  
humbly Craueth reliefe by order of Court with Cost and Charge of  
suit and your petioner as in dutie bound shall euer pray

The def<sup>t</sup> denieth (by his Attorney Umpherie Haggate whom was  
granted him in open Court) to haue committed any such fact as the  
Plantiue hath accused him of whearupon the pantiue desiereth that  
his subpened witnes may haue ther oaths giuen them Concerning the  
Premisses which is granted

Richard Smith Aged 23 years or thearabouts sworne and examined  
in open Court sayeth th<sup>t</sup> hee was going to M<sup>r</sup> Bakers about his occa-  
sions and William Wennam desiered to speake with him and Con- 376  
fessed unto him th<sup>t</sup> hee had Layne with Anne Mardin once and hee  
knew not what to doe to procure a pare of shoes and stockings to bee  
married in and further sayed hee knew not what to doe by reson hee  
was afrayd M<sup>r</sup> Fitch herbert woold excommunicate him and th<sup>t</sup> none  
of his frinds woold abid him and th<sup>t</sup> hee shoold bee Confined to one  
place, and told this deponant th<sup>t</sup> at night hee wold go ouer to Com-