

Liber A humbly Request it, and my Reson is becaus I doe understand that hee is to pay unto M<sup>r</sup> Robert Sly for his man James Hays fifteene hundred pounds of meat which is very Probable not to bee satisfied in tobacco because hee is to pay unto M<sup>r</sup> William Marshall three thousand fiue hundred pounds of tob: for a Negro who died sumtime in februarie last past or thearabouts and hee hath no other saruant but the sayd James Hays and your Petitioner doath also further suppos that hee is Engaged tob: to other People which must also bee satisfied and the sayd baker not beeing a dealer whearby his Estate should bee any ways obscured and as hee himself hath declared the last Court that hee had sustained a great losse in his stocke of hogs and also because hee hath formarly bin Counted by most of his neighbours a hogstealler thearfor your petitioner doath shroadly suspect that this is but a peece of Craft to Complayne against your Petitioner and to debor him from going into the woods to the end hee might haue the more Conueniences to satisfie his Engagement by Clandestine ways and your Petitioner Conceaues that hee doath striue to Cast ignominie upon his neighbours to the End thay might Appeare as ignominious as himselfe and hearby I doe further declare that it is my Opinion and Questionles the opinion of many others that all you Commissioners of Charles Countie doe in the minds of Men [p. 232] Reape sum kind of disgrace by not informing the liuetennant Generall of this Prouince of the disgrace that hangeth ouer your heads in hauing so ignominious a Person as Thomas Baker is and always hath bin esteemed Equalised with you and of the disgrace that hangeth ouer all the inhabitants of this Countie in that thear Coold not thearin bee found a man of an honeste Reputation to Supply his place and I doe hear declare unto you Worshipfull Commissioners of Charleses Countie that it is none of my intention to taxe any of you of any negligence in your dutie in not informing the Liuetennant Generall of this Prouince of the Ignominious Reputation of the sayd Baker, but Rather to Extoll your Prompt Obediences to the sayd Liuetennant Generalls Plesiur in performing such offices as hee hath bin pleased to Adorne you with, without Muttering or Murmuring at any inconuenience thearunto Annexed and thearfor I most humbly craue your worships to tacke my declaration as I haue explayned it and to Reliue your Poore petitioner from his incumberances according as in iustice it shall seeme meete unto your worships and your Petitioner shall euer pray &<sup>c</sup>

Whearupon M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Baker desireth that M<sup>r</sup> Francis Pope Richard dod and John Piper might haue thear oaths giuen them which was granted

M<sup>r</sup> Francis Pope Sworne and Examined in open Court sayeth that Richard Roe told him that beeing in the woods with William Robisson thay killed a hoge of William Robissons as hee supposed whilst