

Liber B Robert Taylor Plantiue } The Plantiue not appearing
 Cornelius Morcarmor Defendant } the Defendant Craueth a non-
 by his Attorney M^r Tho: Allonson } suit which is granted

Dauid Prichard was sworne to the oath annexed to the Sheriffs Commission to officiat the office of under sheriffe:

[p. 179] M^r John Meekes Desireth John helme and Thomas Hogen migh haue thear oaths giuen them which is granted

John helme Sworne and Examined in open Court sayeth that hee see his master M^r John Meekes deliuer a hogset of sugar unto M^r Hands the marchant of the Catch that braught them into Verginia from the Barbados afterwards hee see the same hogset of sugar and a barrell of sugar of this deponants Masters deliuered ashoare at M^r Handses store for freight of M^r John Meekeses goods and further sayeth not:

Thomas hogen Sworne and Examined in open Court Sayeth that hee see a hogset of sugar and a barrell of sugar deliuered unto M^r handse sum tim in september A^o 1662 for the freight of M^r John Meekeses goods from the Barbadoes into Verginia for which barrell and hogset hee woold haue the sayd meekes pay freight beeing it was not deliuered him in the Barbados whearupon the sayd Meekes asked him why shoold hee pay freight for his goods and M^r handse asked him why hee did not pay him in the barbados and then M^r handse asked M^r Woodbery the master of the Catch whether hee had deliuered M^r Meekes his bill yea or nay who answered no whearupon hee bid him keep it for peraduentur hee might make him pay it an other time and further sayeth not

M^r John Meekes bringing on Thomas hugin to the Court to haue acknowledge to years of saruice dew to the sayd meekes from him which hee Coold not doe by vertue of an act of Assembly Prohibiting masters to Couenant with thear saruants for any longer time in the tim of thear saruice then thear indenturs specified or Custom of the Cuntry ordered or enacted by act of Assembly whearupon the sayd Meekes in open Court declared him to bee a free man and that hee had set him free whearupon the sayd Howgin produced this ensuing endentur and acknowledged by the sayd Meekes that hee had set him free from that indentur and that it shoold bee of no validitie nor at presant was of any force or Vertue whearupon the sayd Howgin Prefered his Petition which Petition and indentur is as followeth

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To the Worshipfull Commissioners of Charleses Countie the humble Petition of thomas Howgin Sheweth

That Whearas John Meekes hath deliuered to your Petitioner his obligation of seruitude and acknowledged it in Court humbly Craueth