

Liber B And immeadiatly objected against the defendants Attorney alleaging that hee was a saruant and thearfor ought not to bee any bodies Attorney excepting his masters Mistrisses or ouerseers nor euen thears unles by the admittance of the aduers Party and the sayd Price not beeing abell to produce any Certificate of his freedom It is ordered that hee shoold not bee the sayd Chermans Attorney

[p. 246] Whearupon the sayd Chearman humbly Craued a Referance untill the last of the Court which was granted and then the sayd Cherman appearing by his Attorney M^r Thomas Hussey and in open Court owned by the sayd Chearman who also verified declared and in open Court affirmed that hee had set the sayd Wilmot Free from her first indentur

And the sayd Hussey Prefered thees ensuing Articles in wrighting

John Chermans Answer to Joan Wilmotts Petition or declaratione in Primis He desires th^e Plantiues declaration may bee Proued

2^{dly} the Plantiue is by her euidence Cleare from her seruitude

3^{dly} It is humbly Conceaued that the expiration of Couenant is the full Compleating of saruice and by her owne Confession she had liberty to doe what shee woold as her owne euidence haue testified thearfor beeing a free woman as free to enter into his saruice as into any others

4^{thly} hee desirs that the Plantiue may put in securitie to answer the Charge and Cost of suit

5^{thly} hee desirs to know whether or no shee hauing proued herself free and Entering into Couenant for Consideration hee ought not to enioy his saruice

6^{thly} being altogether unprouided by Reason of his attorney beeing disimpowered hee humbly begs a fauorable and iust Assistance of the Court

[p. 247] The Precedent buisnes beeing taken into the serious Considerations of the Court: It is thearfor ordered that the Plantiue Joane Wilmot shoold bee free and that the Defendant Pay the Cost and Charge of suit

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| M ^{is} Verlinda Stoane by hur Attorney | } The Plantiue aresting the defendant in an action of debt Prefereth her Petition or declaration as followeth |
| M ^r Richard Stone Plantiue | |
| Bartholmew Gartherell by his Attorney | |
| M ^r Thomas Hussey defendant | |

M^{is} Verlinda Stoane Plantiue Bartholmew Gartherell Defendant

The Plantiue declaers against the defendant in an action of debt for 500 lb of tobacco Per bill and Remyaynes as yet unsatisfied The Plantiue thearfor humbly Craueth order of Court for her debt with Cost and Charge of suit: