

To the worp<sup>th</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Sommersett County

The humble Peti<sup>on</sup> of Christopher Nutter Humbly sheweth

That whereas yo<sup>r</sup> petitioner hath been cast in two suits of Law by one Richard Brittain th<sup>e</sup> one in May th<sup>e</sup> other in July last past 1667 & yo<sup>r</sup> worp<sup>th</sup> ordered yo<sup>r</sup> peticion<sup>r</sup> to deliuer a Mare Colte within twenty dayes after th<sup>e</sup> first Sute, & th<sup>e</sup> Said Richard Brittain not Contented with that Colte when p<sup>ffered</sup> according to order did commence another sute in July though imperfect ag<sup>st</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> peticion<sup>r</sup> upon w<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> worp<sup>th</sup> granted another order for A Colte of Six m<sup>os</sup> oldd to be deliuered w<sup>ch</sup> was accordingly don to th<sup>e</sup> great detriment & Dam<sup>age</sup> of yo<sup>r</sup> peticioner; And yo<sup>r</sup> petic<sup>r</sup> humbly Conceiveth th<sup>t</sup> the Said Richard Brittain had no Just Cause of Sute ag<sup>st</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> peticion<sup>r</sup> at all though he hath been very troublesome ag<sup>st</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> peticioner, for th<sup>t</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> peticioner hath performed his bargaine w<sup>th</sup> th<sup>e</sup> Said Richard Brittain & paid him a mare Colt according to agreem<sup>t</sup> as yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> can proue by th<sup>e</sup> testimony of honest Men the Colt being delivered according to th<sup>e</sup> order of the Said Richard Brittain in Accomack before he Commenced his sute ag<sup>st</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> peticioner

Yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> therefore humbly prayeth yo<sup>r</sup> worp<sup>th</sup> that repara<sup>on</sup> may be made by th<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Richard Brittain for his uniust Molesta<sup>on</sup> of yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> both in dammage & Cost of th<sup>e</sup> two former sutes to th<sup>e</sup> vallue of eight thousand w<sup>t</sup> of tobacco beside Court charges yo<sup>r</sup> petic<sup>rs</sup> reputa<sup>on</sup> having by th<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Richard Brittain been much enda<sup>imaged</sup> And yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> as in Dutie bound shall Pray

Proceed to th<sup>e</sup> other side

Christopher Nutter

p <sup>attorney</sup> Edward Southrin pl

Richard Brittain

p <sup>att<sup>r</sup></sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Avery def<sup>t</sup>

} The pl<sup>t</sup> Sues according as in his peticon aforementioned the def<sup>t</sup> pleades & Joynes issue But at

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Length pl<sup>t</sup> & def<sup>t</sup> Joyntly agree to put it to Arbitra<sup>on</sup> & binde themselves in a bond to each other of twenty thousand pounds of tob the Arbitrators Joyntly & severally Chosen Ambros Dixon & Roger Wolfoord & upon Non agreem<sup>t</sup> th<sup>e</sup> Arbitrators to chuse an umpire & a finall end to make within 2 m<sup>os</sup>

At A Court helld for th<sup>e</sup> County of Sommersett th<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> day of Septemb<sup>r</sup> in th<sup>e</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> year of th<sup>e</sup> Dominion of th<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup>

Caecilius A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 1668 before his Lopp<sup>s</sup> Justices thereunto

Assigned & Authorized

Present { m<sup>r</sup> William Stevens m<sup>r</sup> John Winder } Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
          { Capt<sup>s</sup> William Thorne m<sup>r</sup> Henry Boston }

To the worp<sup>th</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Sommerset County

The humble petition of Thomas Manloue and Jane his wife Humbly sheweth