

Liber F 30<sup>th</sup> day of May in th<sup>e</sup> yeare afores<sup>d</sup> Entertaine on servant of th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Courtes & there keepe him dureing th<sup>e</sup> time of foure dayes, & again on th<sup>e</sup> third day of June did Entertaine th<sup>e</sup> servant afores<sup>d</sup> named Cornelius Peterson & keepe him at worke on th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Hartwell his plantacon from th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> third day of June till th<sup>e</sup> eighth day of th<sup>e</sup> same Moneth Contrary to th<sup>e</sup> Act of Assembly afores<sup>d</sup> mentioned, Whereupon th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Court prayeth due proceedings in Law against th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Hartwell to be made in this behalfe to Answer th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Lord Proprietarie & th<sup>e</sup> plaintiffe in th<sup>e</sup> premises according to th<sup>e</sup> forme & effect of th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Law, And first to doe & receive what th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Court of th<sup>e</sup> Lord proprietarie shall Consider of him in this behalfe.

And th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Hartwell (by John Jones) his Attorney Comes & defends th<sup>e</sup> force & Injury &c: & sayth hee is not guilty in such manner and forme as is within exprest.

James Keech sworne & examined in open Court sayth that M<sup>r</sup> Henry Warrens Overseer Came & told him th<sup>t</sup> a boy of theirs was at M<sup>r</sup> Hartwells, & this Deponent sayth hee went for him, & when hee came hee was fetching of water, & further this Deponent sayth th<sup>t</sup> Alexander Lowrie told him that they kept him at worke for feare hee should runaway, & further this Deponent sayth that M<sup>s</sup> Hartwell asked him whether John Courte would sell th<sup>e</sup> boy or not, & further sayth not

Cornelius Peterson sworne & examined in open Court on the behalfe of the Ld Proprietarie, sayth that on Saturday night M<sup>r</sup> Harwells man brought mee from th<sup>e</sup> race house, & told mee that his m<sup>r</sup> would buy mee, & when I came there M<sup>r</sup> Hartwell sayd hee would keep mee till munday to see whether I could worke or not, & on Munday I went to worke with th<sup>e</sup> people, & on twesday I went to M<sup>r</sup> Warrens quart<sup>r</sup> to grind howes & further sayth not

Whereas it was judged by th<sup>e</sup> Worshipfull th<sup>e</sup> Comission<sup>rs</sup> of th<sup>e</sup> Court th<sup>t</sup> John Harwell did entertaine a servant of John Courte's three dayes by name Cornelius Peterson, according to an act of Assembly in th<sup>t</sup> case provided, It is ordered by th<sup>e</sup> Worshipfull th<sup>e</sup> Comission<sup>rs</sup> th<sup>t</sup> th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Hartwell pay five hundred pounds of tobaccoe p day th<sup>e</sup> on halfe to th<sup>e</sup> Lord Proprietarie & the other halfe to th<sup>e</sup> owner of th<sup>e</sup> servant, with Cost of suite

The Court is adjourned for an houre

[p. 7] The Court sitti againe present Comission<sup>rs</sup> as before

It is ordered th<sup>t</sup> there be a reference in a Cause depending between Francis Kilburne plaintiffe & Will<sup>m</sup> Measure Defendant till th<sup>e</sup> next Court.

In a Cause depending between Edmund Lindsey plaintiffe & Thomas Allanson Defendant Thomas Allanson was attached to Answer to Edmund Lindsey of a plea of trespass upon th<sup>e</sup> Case,