

The same day

Present {
 Mr. William Stevens Mr. David Browne
 Mr. George Johnson Mr. James Gaskeill
 Mr. John Bruden Mr. Edward Smith } Comm^{rs}

John Townsend presents his following petition w^{ch}
is read viz;

To the w^{or}sh^{ps} Comm^{rs} of Somerset County
The humble petition of John Townsend

Humbly sheweth

That whereas yo^r pet^r stood engaged to the R^t Hon^{ble} Lord
Proprietary for and in the behalfe of Elizabeth Houghton
the wife of Elizabeth Houghton late of this County for her
good behaviour in the summe of twenty pounds sterling
yo^r pet^r not providing any way wherein the said Elizabeth
sh^d be demerced her selfe since the time of your petition
engagem^t your petition^r humbly craveth to be discharged
from the said engagement And as in duty bound shall
Pray

After the reading the said petition Edm^d Beaumont
Clerke to the Co^{rt} Complaines and saith that the said
Elizabeth mentioned in the petition is gone out of
the County not having satisfied her sh^d due
to the Clerk and therefore humbly craveth ord^r
for the sh^d due to him of her security
John Townsend

The Co^{rt} taken the premises into their serious Consideration
doe order that the said John Townsend pay the Clerk sh^d
due to him from Elizabeth Houghton, And that the said
John Townsend is discharge and discharged from the engagement
of twenty pound sterl to the Lord Proprietary at the R^t Hon^{ble}
the 10th of Jan^y Anno^{rum} Domini 1675