

Southern County

At a County Court held the 14th Day of August in the second year of the Dominion of King Charles the first over Maryland or Annoq Domini 1677 before his Excellency Justice thereunto assigned & authorized

present { Coll: William Colebourne: M^r: David Browne: }
M^r: George Johnson: M^r: William Breckan. } Comm^{rs}

Knowe all men by these presents that wee George Wells of Baltimore County & John Wells of Kent County doe assigne over unto Stephen Bule of Anne Arundell County all the time of service of one man servant named W^m: Batchelor belonging unto our Brother Robert Wells by condition unto the said Stephen from our Brother Robert to serve four years & whereas the said servant hath not soe long time to serve by indenture wee doe assigne over alsoe the time lost by departure from his service of the said servant with all the damages suffered by the said servants departure make up the said time of four years which time of departure was between four & five weeks & wee doe hereby engage ourselves to avoyde & maintain the said time mortality & strays excepted unto the said Stephen his heirs executors or assigns with the hands & seals the 12th Day 1673: : /:

The severall interlinings express before signing & sealing hereof: : /:
George Wells: Sealed: : /:
John Wells: Sealed: : /:

In presence of
Robert Hope Bule: : /:
George Hope: : /:

+ Whereas I George Wells consented with my Brother John Wells attorney of my Brother John Wells to dispose of the within named servant to Stephen Bule with his whole time which he had to serve by indenture & for running away alsoe for the taking of him up which by law was 200 of Dollars see the said William Batchelor being asked whether he was willing to serve the said time to the said Stephen Bule he answered that with that promise that the said Stephen would buy him the said William would willingly & willingly serve him the full time of four whole years from the date within mentioned which is but a reasonable time & satisfaction he ought to make according to the law in the case provided with the other service he was due

George Wells before mee Henry Brazelwood March the 9th Day 1676:

Test: Richard Ball: : /:

The said servant did acknowledge before mee the said he was absent from his Master Wells his service in running away time 27 or 28 daies & promised freely & voluntarily to fulfill four years service unto Stephen Bule to be completed according to the date of this assignment witness my hand the 14th day of the date within mentioned

Robert Bule: : /:

I: William Batchelor within named doe acknowledge the within time of service by indenture if had not forfeited by running away would not have been out until the 13th of April last past & that besides the time of running away from my Master above mentioned I runne away from my Master Stephen Bule the 4th March to the day of the date hereof which is four months & three daies which is in all 5 months which I acknowledge this 7th July 1677: witness my hand

W^m: Batchelor:

Henry Lewis:
Wm: Planner:
Thomas Cox:

Maryland

These presents witnesseth that I: Henry Lewis of Anne Arundell County (Strurgeon attorney to Stephen Bule of the same County for the consideration of sixteen hundred pounds of Dollars & six p^{ts} have bargained sold & assigned over & delivered unto M^r: William Stevens of Somerset County gent: one man servant