

deposition of John Cropper aged 35 years or thereabouts sworn upon this 5th day of the first day of February when Berry did voluntarily of his own accord after being demanded sum in the Leaning Lane Attorney to answer for him at this County Court about getting of all the of Joan Garrett servant unto y<sup>e</sup> John Cropper did profess & agree with the said John Cropper to pay him in hand the sum of two thousand and five hundred pounds of tobacco for what Joan Garrett the said John should sustain by the said Joan being with child the which sum of tobacco y<sup>e</sup> Cropper did expect to pay three hundred pounds of tobacco to be p<sup>ay</sup> in goods & the remainder being two thousand one hundred and seventy the s<sup>r</sup> Berry did charge and upon Col<sup>l</sup> St<sup>ev</sup>enb to pay unto the s<sup>r</sup> Cropper;

John Cropper  
William Brown aged 31 years of age or thereabouts with lib<sup>er</sup> y<sup>e</sup> what is above written he knoweth to be true  
Wm Brown

5<sup>th</sup> February 1622

Then John Cropper & Wm Brown made oath to the truth of y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned

As for y<sup>e</sup> William Stevenb: Henry Smith

Plea Cropper p<sup>l</sup>ts Berry def<sup>t</sup> And where upon the def<sup>t</sup> came & said by his Attorney James Sangster that in the said Cropper Judgem<sup>t</sup> ought not to have ag<sup>d</sup> the def<sup>t</sup> because the def<sup>t</sup> was never indebted to the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> for said summe of two thousand one hundred pounds of tobacco but that the def<sup>t</sup> did pay and to y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> charged only on Col<sup>l</sup> Stevenb and afterwards did forbid y<sup>e</sup> payment thereof because fraudulently gott by threatening to stop y<sup>e</sup> vessel and without any consideration from the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> but the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> defend<sup>t</sup> debt the def<sup>t</sup> canke Judgem<sup>t</sup> while the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> ought to have that sum

Sangster defend<sup>t</sup>

The Court Comma<sup>nd</sup> the Sheriff to bring here 12 good & Lawfull men of this Balivill that the truth of y<sup>e</sup> matter in question may the better be made knowne who are sworn vizt Robert Glesfild for man Thomas Bid. Wm Stenton. Henry Lynne. Edward Day. John Evans. Wm Piper. George Goddard. Henry Heyman. Wm Srott. Thomas Hoffmann. Francis Martin the Jury having sworne them Hatoge & Wm Brown sworn on part of the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> before the Co<sup>l</sup> & Jury que fecit on the cause deponing and shew<sup>ing</sup> day to witt y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno d<sup>omi</sup> 1622 Came John Cropper his Attorney Thomas Pool as well as Col<sup>l</sup> Stevenb by his Attorney James Sangster And the Jurors to witt Robert Glesfild Thomas Bid. Wm Stenton. Henry Lynne. Edward Day. John Evans. Wm Piper George Goddard. Henry Heyman. Wm Srott. Thomas Hoffmann & Francis Martin who by say the Court being summoned Impanelled & sworn upon ten oaths say they find for the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> two thousand one hundred & seventy pounds of tobacco with Cost of Suite provided the p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> indemnific<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> defend<sup>t</sup> from all Cost & Charges y<sup>e</sup> shall or may incur upon the s<sup>r</sup> defend<sup>t</sup> according to composition upon the def<sup>t</sup> being charged with a child begot upon the body of Joan Garrett servant to the plaintiff.

Robert Glesfild & foreman

This Court ord<sup>er</sup> the verdict to be entered & that the def<sup>t</sup> Coliver Berry pay the s<sup>r</sup> two thousand one hundred & seventy pounds of tobacco with Cost according to y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>l</sup>t<sup>y</sup> John Cropper at his exp<sup>er</sup>ence

The same Day Comen<sup>t</sup> at a new

To y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>or</sup>sh<sup>ip</sup> the Lord Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace for the County of Som<sup>er</sup>set The humble Petition of James Newall humbly sheweth  
That on the second day of Jan<sup>u</sup>ary 1623 Lawrence Brindle & Hans Layson came to yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>or</sup>dsh<sup>ip</sup> & did take up and carry away cartload of them as a summe part of good as doth appear by their severall aw<sup>er</sup> & here in Co<sup>l</sup> produce that is the s<sup>r</sup> Lawrence Brindle to y<sup>e</sup> value of one thousand & sixty pounds of tobacco & the said Hans Layson to y<sup>e</sup> value of one thousand three hundred & sixty pounds of tobacco & the said persons having doe rec<sup>d</sup> the goods of yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> are fled out of y<sup>e</sup> County now in respect yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> is a stranger & now dealing in the County & know not how soon yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> may see yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> Cranch ore for an attachment ag<sup>d</sup> the goods & Chattels of y<sup>e</sup> for<sup>sa</sup>id parties yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> giving in security according to law & yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>er</sup> shall in duty pray  
James Newall

The deposition of John Brown before the s<sup>r</sup> w<sup>or</sup>sh<sup>ip</sup> the Justice of the peace of Som<sup>er</sup>set County at about the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1623 / saith y<sup>e</sup> on the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>u</sup>ary last y<sup>e</sup> he being at the house of James Newall in Company of James Newall y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>r</sup> James Newall did declare y<sup>e</sup> the day before Lawrence Brindle left his house with the County y<sup>e</sup> he desired that the for<sup>sa</sup>id Newall would strip & pack what tobacco was then in his tobacco house & pay to James Newall one thousand & sixty pounds of tobacco y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>r</sup> tobacco and satisfy himself for his trouble in with<sup>in</sup> his house. James Newall saith he did so the 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1623 the same day to wit y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> under oath in Co<sup>l</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>or</sup>sh<sup>ip</sup> the Justice of the peace  
The Petition being considered by the Co<sup>l</sup> orderd y<sup>e</sup> John Brown take into his Custody the Tobacco of Lawrence Brindle that was in his tobacco house not rec<sup>d</sup> and pay James Newall one thousand & sixty pounds of tobacco and Cost and take receipts for the same