

To the Hon. the Commissioners of Somerset County Court. the humble Petition of Walter Lane, humbly sheweth
 That whereas of late years the said Court did make returns of the Inventories of the goods and Chattels of persons
 deceased, late of this County deceased appraised by Samuel Collins and Com. Emmott, appraiser thereof appraised
 by the Court, who have appraised several things belonging to the said deceased Estates at unreasonable rates —
 Especially three Negroes One of them an elderly Negro man, the second an old Negro woman, and the third a little
 Negro boy, that will be incapable of doing any thing of consequence in several years, so that a man shall be at
 more Charge in raising of him than he is worth & so is to be forsookeable. Yet notwithstanding the appraisers
 have rated the said Negroes to me at fifty pounds sterling, whereas I understand according as the Court does intend
 to rate dead mens Estates in tobacco, that is allowance but five shillings or hundred will amount to twenty thousand
 pounds of tobacco, whereas the said appraisers would not give twelve hundred pounds of tobacco for them all three
 if they were appraised. For the appraisers have taken or mitigated the price, which they refused to do, and
 offered it to the said Court, and the Court they also refused to do any thing in it, allowing that it did not become
 them to mitigate the unreasonable rates set by the said appraisers, whereby your Petitioner is forced to complain
 and find no way to remedy it. Your Petitioner therefore humbly desires your worship will be pleased, first that your
 Petitioner might be returned with the Rates, to rate upon the money, the said Rates was appraised to in tobacco
 being seventy pounds fifteen shillings and four pence, that of late years may be new, what as yet he has in hand
 he will be content to comply with the Rates. The rates always allowed by the former Testaments will be
 penny & the value. I hope your worship will allow me, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray for —

The Petitioner being read and considered the Court ordered six shillings & hundred to be the rate allowed
 upon the said Estates. The Court supposing the said Negroes a hardship to be done. and

Case Margaret Remedall — Somerset County. Whereas Margaret Remedall of the said County was committed
 into the Custody of Nathaniel Dwyer Constable in Order that she should be lawfully returned
 to the Court here to answer what should be objected against her relating to killing & slaying
 of several Negroes belonging to Thomas Dwyer, and whereas the Court is advertised with
 Defining any Order about the said Margaret Remedall — These are therefore in their Masters names to will
 require you to take into your Custody the said Margaret Remedall until she give sufficient Security in the sum of
 twenty pound sterling for her appearance next County Court here to be holden the second Tuesday in November next ensuing
 to answer as above, and to stand and abide the judgment of the said Court here of pain you not and this shall be of
 your own given under my hand and seal this 11th day of Nov 1691. Samuel Hopkins & Isaac
 Esqrs. Justs. High Sheriff.

The above said Writ was read in Court and the said Margaret Remedall appearing. The Court ordered the said Margaret
 to give security for her appearance next Court to be holden the second Tuesday in November next 1691
 to answer what should be objected against her on her Masters behalf or
 whereupon the said Margaret and did by Estrogimian Esqrs. wife to be indebted to her Master
 King Esqrs. upon Mary the sum of ten pound sterling money of England and her two friends in the
 sum of 5 the money viz. Esqrs. Robert Corrie. so bound to be bound on their goods & Chattels
 lands & tenements for her Masters behalf or. The conditions of which Estrogimian is such that if the said
 Margaret do make her personall appearance next County Court, to answer to their Masters for the said Estrogimian to
 be of new offer otherwise to be and remain in full power for & bind. and