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Cour. Bro. Just. C<sup>l</sup>. David Brown. W. Fr. Goulin. Cap. Ju. Under W. James Rashell  
W. James Kenn. W. Sam. Hopkins. W. Edmund Howard.

the wor<sup>th</sup>. Court the Petition of Samuel Hopkins humbly sheweth.  
That whereas Waller Taylor plaintiffe did due last obtain a judgment of Court against your petitioner & that  
what judgment (as your petitioner hath valuable reasons to shew) was the product either of a most  
unfortunate, weak, ignorant and precipitant: or else of an erroneous, partiall and arbitrary  
verdict of a Jury condemning your petitioner in the payment of weekly two yards of linnen to him  
your petitioner hath brought before your worshipps, humbly beseeching you will be pleased to give  
your opinions and final result as to the paying thereof, and in due submission likewise proposing  
as a query by you seriously to be weighed & consulted, whether my being compelled to pay the said  
linnen contrary to bargain: for nothing: and for any sum due to be paid, will not appear a  
monstrous sort of injustice: and inconsistent with: if not repugnant unto all law, reason & equity  
your petitioner further sheweth his lying under the harsh and rigid circumstances of one most apparently  
and unjustly molested & aggrieved by the said Waller Taylor, besides the real injuries and damages  
sustained by his perfidious fraudulent dealings already, and by what may be yet further dealt out to  
him by execution, if your worshipps should not seasonably and prudently prevent. All this and the four  
thereof, moves me in all humble boldness to write you as you stand related & are empowered  
and entrusted by God and a Religious Protestant Prince, whose cause you have espoused, and by whose  
authority you act, and under whom you now serve and are engaged, and all of you obliged to dispose  
to every equal justice and right, that you will vouchsafe to take such judicious and effectual course  
(as I request) you are in duty bound and ought to do, to exonerate and acquit your petitioner of my  
unjustifiable wrongs and injuries sustained as aforesaid. My petitioner shall be in duty bound, ever pray for

Samuel Hopkins

My petitioner in the next place beseecheth an humble suite to your worshipps that you will be pleased to give  
him leave to make good his said complaints & grievances both as to matter of fact and matter of law  
and that in the doing thereof, he may go on with freedom and without interruption (as a weak  
and feeble Capacity will afford him) in this endeavouring to make things clearly appear and as  
briefly as he can, not to spend too much time of your worshipps, and as in duty bound shall pray for

Samuel Hopkins

Ordered by Court to record & approved

the worshipfull Court.

The next thing I humbly propose and move, is your worshipps, is the signing my Bill of exceptions  
against the verdict of the Jury in my case, and judgment, as reasons why execution ought not to  
issue forth against me, except notwithstanding what hath been offered as fair & reasonable to  
obviate the Court of the peremptory consequences inevitably ensuing to me thereupon) they should  
resolve to make the misfeasance chargeable with my wrongs, the which, I dare not be so wastefully im-  
mendable as to give the least measure of respect to conjectures that they will, but hope and report  
the contrary, as from those that do adhere and do best to designs my detrimment nor with my self  
my sufferings or to Court, or to annals my abuses sustained.