

November 14th 1691

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James English & William: Mason this day in Court tendered two Petitions for protection of their writ of Error (viz) Peter: Elzer and James: Smith. These Smith being no real holder thereof that security was not thought responsible — Whereupon the Court Orders that in Francis: James & Cap: John: King should take security of the said English & Mason. — and the Sheriff of our County then produced to Court the following protopl. viz

By the Petitioner Court. October 9th 1691

ORDER that you apprehend & take into your custody the Bodies of William: Mason and James: English of yr County accused for hog stealing, & them in safe & secure custody you keep, untill they tender and give Bond with sufficient security to prosecute their writ of Error — lately by them sued out of the High Court of Chancery, & hereby enjoying that the Bond aforesaid be taken before two of the Justices of your County, and the Sheriff to suit as they shall like of.

To Mr Stephen Luffe Esq: Sheriff
of Somerset County — Shes.

J: Ford: Cur.

W. Taylor Esq: Pro Cur

this should have been placed in 4th day previous

EMERSON COUNTY Vr. Know all men by these presents that we John: Franklin and Edward: Hammond doth agree our selves to deliver to John: Hammond by the first day of May next sale of us one good sufficient Cow and Calf to be by the said John: Hammond kept for his daughter Ruediah: Hammond with all their fulwintents, and in case the said Ruediah should dy before she should come to age then the said stock of Cattle to descend to her sister Anne: Hammond as witness our names and seals this 14th day of November, 1691. Before sealing & signing we do declare the said stock to be them and their heirs for ever as before given. & desire it may be recorded —

Witness hereof.

Peter: Doul.

William: Haffitt.

John: Franklin & Baloo

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Edward: Hammond & Baloo

Somerset Vr. Whereas your worship was pleased to order us the subscribers to inquire into the Charge of a Negro Child belonging unto the Estate of Edw: Smith late of this County deceased being in the hands of Dr John: Higginson we have in Obedience to your worship. Order obeyed, & what we can gather in the matter is not satisfactory in so much that we can render no report but if yr worship please to examine Mr Matt Starbrough and Mr: James they may render satisfaction according as required —

John: Franklin

Edw: Coynton.

Ordered that Ellis Coleman and Mr: Franklin give report to next Court of the forced Charge of Negro —

Francis: Goyre having attended seven days being summoned as Evidence for Matthew Starbrough (served your worship Order for attendance Francis: Goyre.

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