

And where upon the said Thomas by Peter Dent his attorney saith that y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas  
 is a good true Faithfull Subject of her Majesty the King & from y<sup>e</sup> time of his  
 Nativity as saith himself hath governed & behaved as one of good name fame & Reputation  
 amongst his Neighbours & others the good people of this Province, w<sup>ch</sup> witness y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas  
 hath had any Converse Fellowship or Conversation; hath been noted reputed & taken without any Fault  
 Spelt or other the Suspicion of any Hogg Stealing or other hurtfull Crime which might  
 mispelled from y<sup>e</sup> time of his birth & further himself hath behaved & governed, where by he hath not  
 Only Obtained & gotten to himself y<sup>e</sup> great Friendship favour & goodwill of sundry of y<sup>e</sup> good people  
 of this Province, but also divers great gains & profits toward the maintenance of himself & family  
 hath honestly gained & obtained. Notwithstanding y<sup>e</sup> sd Wm. well knowing the happy Estate of  
 said Thomas but misdeeming him the said Thomas in his good name Faith & Estimation aforesaid  
 greatly to hurt & make worse y<sup>e</sup> to raise him the said Thomas into scandal infamy discredit and  
 disgrace amongst all the good people of this Province to fall. But also the said Thomas misdeemingly  
 has paid and payeth of the Lawes of this Province touching Hogg Stealing to suffer y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>  
 day of August in the year of our Lord 1691. at Wicwamsco<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Jurisdiction of this Court y<sup>e</sup> said  
 Wm. having Communication w<sup>th</sup> sundry of the good people of this Province of & concerning the  
 said Thomas, these false scandalous & malicious words following did relate publish & say that  
 he the said Wm. was a Hogg Stealer & had stole & stole all of the Hogs of sd Francis Jones & his by  
 means of robbing & speaking, the said Thomas in body & mind is much disquieted & made worse  
 to the damage of the said Thomas of 20000. pounds of tobacco & thereof he bringeth his suits from

Dout of Law. Doyb. Jn. De.  
 Aug. 16.

The p<sup>r</sup>incipals considered this Court grants them suits acc<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Lett.                     

To the w<sup>ch</sup> Com. of Somerset County Court now sitting. The humble Petition of John Ellis  
 doth humbly sheweth. That whereas Josias Seaward late of this County deceased doth  
 stand indebted unto y<sup>e</sup> Petitioner in the full & just sum of four thousand pounds of tobacco and  
 Cash for work done, where y<sup>e</sup> Petitioner humbly craveth Order as yet Walter Lane De m<sup>d</sup> of all  
 y<sup>e</sup> Smeijlor y<sup>e</sup> goods Credits & Chattells of the said Josias Seaward deceased by Petitioner  
 as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

The said Lane doth Confess judgment in your Court for y<sup>e</sup> sum of 4000. lbs. as follows in his  
 Josias Seaward Dr to Jn. Ellis  
 4000. lbs. done for him — 400. lbs.