

William Beck of Virginia Esq.
vs
Wm. Harris. Deft.

Sheweth that the said
Wm. Harris is Son & Heir of the said
Wm. Beck of Virginia Esq. who
himself in this behalf presented a Petition
unto the justs in the said Court of Chancery
that he should be restored to the same.

And whereas upon the said Wm. Harris's Petition the said Court of Chancery hath by a certain
Act of Assembly of this Province made at a General Assembly holden at the City of St. Marys the 10th day of May in the
4th year of our Sovereign Lord & Lady Wm. & Mary of England Ireland France & Ireland the said year of our
Lord 1692. it is amongst other things therein contained that any person or persons that shall with or without
consent of the said Wm. Harris unlawfully abducting him her or himself as aforesaid shall be fined five hundred
pounds of lawful money for every night or four and twenty hours that such person or persons shall give out of himself
to the said Wm. Harris unlawfully abducting him her or himself as aforesaid, the one half to the said Wm. Harris for
the support of the Government & the other to the informer or him that shall sue for the same to be recovered in any Court
of this Province, by action of Debt Bill Complaint or Information, wherein no Plea of Election or way of Law be allowed
nor shall the said Wm. Harris well knowing the said Act of Assembly to be in force, & unrepented, but mind in the said
Wm. Harris's estate of Negro Slaves belonging to the said Wm. Harris the tenth day of September in the year of
Lord 1692 at Newcom within the Jurisdiction of this Court the said Wm. Harris take up & entertain Contrary to the forms
& effect of the said Act of Assembly, and to the damage of the said Wm. Harris the sum of ten thousand pounds of lawful
money thereof being his due & the said Wm. Harris's. { In Dec. }
{ 1692 }

And the Deft. by Saml. Worthington his Attorney Deft. the said injury aforesaid and saith he is not guilty
in manner & form as is averred by the Declaration & desires it may be enquired into by the Court.

Worthington pro Deft.
his Attorney

Whereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of the County to bring thereunto good & Lawfull men of the County
that the matter in hand might be the better understood a List or panel whereof are returned as followeth. (viz) Richard
Chambers Wm. Blanner son. Jn. Matwitt. Robt. Smith. Wm. Law. Wm. Alexander. Wm. Curd. Sr. Jn. Curd. Holland. Wm.
Lawrence. Jn. W. Bird. Jn. Danann. 12) who being legally summoned returned & sworn upon the oaths of the Court
having heard heard the said Declaration & plea, and also the Oath of the said Wm. Harris's fairly examined received their
Charge & are sent forth in Order to determine the matter and
and this day viz the day & year aforesaid came the said Jurors of the said County and being particularly called by their names
being demanded and all unanimously agreed of their verdict, which is read in these express words following (viz)
The Jury find for the Deft. Rich. Chambers. foreman.

Which said verdict, this Court Order to be entered & Confirmed & so done.
And
And Andrew Worthington Junr. doer assigned in Court to pay Costs of Suit.
vid. 1st Attorney fo. 27.