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Then m^r Ephraim Wilson brought his Servant Boy Francis Graden to be adjudged, who is
adjudged to be of the age of sixteen years

Then Richard Peate brought his Servant man Wm Bunfield who had Indentures for seven
years and was adjudged to be fourteen years of age

Ordered John Powell and his Brother Wm Powell attend the Petition Jury

His Matie's Extra } Proclamation made and Bond & Oath
Ralph Houlston }

m^r Charles Ballard is bound in open Court jointly with m^r Nathaniel Corington in the sum
just sum of fifty three pounds Sterling money for the payment to the Ophantho of Jⁿ
Corington weekly six pounds ten shillings

The Court adjourned for half an hour

Not againe present m^r Fran Gombino m^r Samt Hopkino m^r The Norwals m^r Edmund
Howard m^r James Round m^r Amos Elroy

To his Matie's Justice of the Peace for the County of Somersett in the Province of Maryland now in
Court sitting

The Petition of John Frizell showing whereas your Worship was pleased in your last to appoint you Justice
Constable of Wicomicoco hundred and your Worship having served since in that office, and now your
Worship being certainly informed that there is a Statute out of Parliament excluding all persons not
born in the Kingdom of England Ireland or some English plantation, to have any place of Trust, or
Honour being one that was born in Scotland, may not be qualified to serve in the Constable's office, all
being the opinion of most of our Neighbours that I am not a Constable, and that they may perhaps
they will obey me or not in serving of any Warrant or Precept, for the fore mentioned Reason, & your
Worship desiring your Worship may be pleased to appoint one that is qualified to serve in that office, to
prevent further trouble or Damage that may arise if I should continue any longer, and in so do-
ing your Petition as in duty bound I shall ever pray

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John Frizell

The above said Petition being Read in open Court it is therefore ordered that the said John Frizell
continue in his said office

To his Matie's Justice of the Peace for the County of Somersett now in Court sitting

The Humble Petition of Robert Polk son humbly showing whereas your Petition lastly purchased
a small Ridge of Land lying between Samin Quarter & Little Mount on the high Road commonly called
Justice Ridge and now your Petition having heard a Cane Field on the said Ridge and the Road
going thence the said Road Ground your Petition desiring that your Worship may be pleased to grant
him Order to turn the said Road and to have it to go along the side of said Ridge by the Cornfield
fence and in so doing your Petition as in duty bound shall ever pray

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Rob^t Polk son

Then the above Petition was Read and it is referred to George Botto son overseer of many things
who is to view the said Road and to make Report whether it be not Prejudicial to the Publick
Road or