

Ann. Forgiven a year a fortnight ago was brought into Court by George Bando and by
Counsel of this Court is bound unto the said George to serve him till the sixteenth years of
age, the said George Bando promised to learn her to knit and spin and to give her a two year
old horse at the expiration of her said time to which performance James Buchanan is bound
bound with the said Bando by Recognizance to pay him and liberally in the sum of ten
pounds sterling the aforesaid condition being preferred then the Recognizance to be void or else
to remain and be in full force &c

It is Ordered by the Court that Process immediately issue against John Barber Thomas Dewell
John Barber Edmund Swenson and Wm Wilkinson
Court adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 o'clock

At a Court held by his Majesty for the County of the City of London the 1st day of March anno Domini 1696
Present Mr. Justice in the said Court Mr. George Layfield Esq. Mr. Edmund Howard and James
Round and Mr. Arnold Elgoy

Mr. James Round is desired by the Court to bring in at his return from England a Bill of Exchange
for which he shall be allowed in the next County Court for the same in Debent as prize
then shall Rule

It is Ordered by the Court that the Sheriff immediately perform and have to send for Johnson
Hill who was a Jury man and sworn to and that the said Hill is to pay the charge for the
said Warrant and for his to come with the Warrant as he will answer the contrary at his
peril &c

Then Mr. Richard Chambers made oath upon the holy Evangelists that Rebecca Freedom was
the Reported daughter of John Moody of Bristol Merchant

John Moody Esq. of London County now in Court sitting, His Humble Petition of Richard Matthews
humbly sheweth that your poor Petitioner being borne upon the Island of Jamaica, was a Slave
Orphan, and at the age of three years bound out by his Aunt to the sea, there to serve the terms
of nine years, and after he was transported from place to place, he at last, belonged to Capt. Joel of
Boston in New England and sent by him to the wharfe, in a vessel whereof was Master of the Ship
Bergant and by him sold to Nathaniel Smith, and by him to the Honorable and by him to John Johnson
with whom I now live, now may it please your Worship, so it is that my said time being
nine years will be expired on the 22 day of this Instant your poor Petitioner therefore humbly prays
your Worship Order for his Freedom as likewise for his Corn and Cloth and he as in duty bound
shall ever pray &c

As a Coverand Petition being Read in open Court it is Ordered that the said Matthews be free from
the service of the said Master the 22 day of March Instant the said Matthews first serving the
said Master John Johnson six days for the time he hath been at Court to look for his Freedom
and at the expiration of the said time the said Johnson to pay him Corn and Cloth &c

Court adjourned for half an hour

Next again Court Present Mr. Justice in the said Court Mr. Matthew Scarbrough Mr. The Newbold
Mr. Sam. Hopkins Mr. Geo. Layfield Mr. James Round Mr. Edmund Howard Mr. Arnold
Elgoy