

His Majesty Contra.  
Late a Negro of M<sup>r</sup> Hollands

Somerset County in Maryland  
Whereas Complaint hath been made to me by George Layfield Esq<sup>r</sup> agt  
Kato a Negro Woman belonging to Michael Hollands of this County Mariner  
that she had Kato late stolen & carried away from the house of the said

Layfield a considerable parcel of Scotch linen. and therefore in the Name of his sacred Majesty  
his highness by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. We Will Ordoine  
ad also strictly to charge & Comand that immediately upon sight hereof y<sup>e</sup> apprehend the said Kato, so that y<sup>e</sup> have  
her body personally to app<sup>r</sup>ear before us or some other of his Majesty Justices for this County to answer to such  
things as shall be objected agt her by the sd Layfield, herof y<sup>e</sup> are not to fail ad y<sup>e</sup> will answer y<sup>e</sup> contrary  
at y<sup>e</sup> peril. And for so doing this shall be y<sup>e</sup> Warrant, given under my hand & Seal the third day of May  
Anne Regis Regis Domini nostri Gulielmi Angliae etc Octavo Anno Regis Domini 1696  
To William Wilson Constable of the County of Somerset  
Edmund Howard.

The said Kato this day appeared, ad also Evidence on oath agt her, who proved y<sup>e</sup> fact as  
said in the foregoing Warrant. And therefore the W<sup>or</sup> Court for the sh<sup>ire</sup> aforesd did  
Order the sheriff to take into his Custody the sd Kato and at the Wrapping post to give her  
hardy mind lashed on her bare back with laid on. which was this day executed

And info it was made apparant before the W<sup>or</sup> Court that she had Kato by her malicious & scandalous  
Words had abused some of the Justices of this Court (viz<sup>t</sup> Mr Jonckins & Mr Layfield, for which the sd  
Kato was awarded twenty lashes on her bare back with laid on to be performed the next day to be executed  
Penelope the Wife of Michael Hollands this day came in open Court y<sup>e</sup> Kato's wages did  
assume to pay all fees accrued by her servant Kato.

Dorothy Harrington the  
Johnson Hill Hom<sup>r</sup> of Mr Tarr  
Somerset County. Johnson Hill & Tabitha his Wife  
Adm<sup>r</sup> of John Tarr was attached to answer unto Dorothy  
Harrington of a plea of trespass on the Case.

And whereupon the said Dorothy by Peter Doid her Attorney Complaineth that whereas the said John in his  
life time he with the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> in the year of our Lord 1674 at Doomsday within the Jurisdiction of this Ct  
was indebted to the sd Dorothy in the sum of nine hundred thirty two pounds of lawful money for value of goods  
servic by the said Dorothy to the sd John in his life time comprised & contained the sd John to the sd Dorothy  
in his life time in manner aforesd being indebted, did assume upon himself, and to the sd Dorothy faithfully promise  
that he the said John the same he the sd Dorothy would well and truly Content & pay, he notwithstanding the sd John in his  
life time nor the sd Tabitha since she was sold & unmarried, nor the sd Johnson & Tabitha since the marriage between  
them had & following nor any of them the said sum of 932 pounds of lawful money to the sd Dorothy. Kato not paid  
to the damage of the sd Dorothy of 1800 pounds of lawful money, and the sd Dorothy bringeth her bills

Dout of Error. Peter Doid for the  
Kato.