

Salv: vt County Court

To the Justices of the County Court sitting

See it remembred that John Abington of the County of Salvo: vt servant to the said Lord Prop: in his behalf professed unto the Court here to understand & be informed that William Kidd of Hunting Beck in the County of Salvo: vt aforesaid Plantar betwixt the five and twenty day of October in the fourth year of the Dominion of the Rt Honorable Charles the first Lord & Prop: of aforesaid and the eight and twenty day of the same month of October aforesaid did willingly & willingly trade, barter, committ & deliver unto William Kingly a Runaway servant of the said John Abington for an hundred baggs of the price of fifty poundes of Tobacco being the proper goods of him the said John Abington against a certain Act of the honorable House of Commons an Act relating to servants and slaves, enacted at a general Assembly first made in the City of St Marys the fifteenth day of May in the first year of the Dominion of the Rt Honorable Charles the first Lord & Prop: of aforesaid by the said William Kidd that he should the sum of two thousand poundes of Tobacco whereupon the said John Abington ad w: vt for the said Lord Prop: ad for himselfe in this behalf praye the advice of the Court And that the said John Abington may have the benefit of the said Act according to the form of the said Act of the honorable House of Commons that the said William Kingly may be taken in Court & answer in upon the said promise

John Abington Pet: vs. William Kidd v: ff

George Parker. Pr: of the said John Do: & Just: of the Co:.

And the said William Kidd by Charles Botcher his Attorney com: & defende the fourth and injury within and sayeth that he is in nothing guilty of the breach of the Act of the honorable House of Commons in manner & form as the Informant above in this Informacion hath set forth and of this he putteth himselfe upon the Country

of Botcher & B: ff: vt

And the Plaintiffe also: Geo: Parker

Whereupon the same parties shewed to the Justices the Supp: & the depositions of the said parties & the same are as followeth  
Thomas Percivald foreman, Thomas Shrold, William Wardsworth, George Hardisty, John Smith, John Jamon, Charles Howrington, John Little, Francis Freeman, Bernard Johnson, George Young, John Guyatt

Who being all sworn: to say the truth according to Evidence. The said Charles Botcher produced a William Kingly servant to the aforesaid John Abington aged sixteen years and or thereabouts who being sworn: in open Court sayeth that he running away from his Master Plantar and carrying a hundred baggs along with him he went to the house of William Kidd and yo: D: pon: being hungry sold the baggs unto William Kidd for a Pen: and a piece of Bacon, whereupon the said William Kidd charged yo: D: pon: that he should keep himselfe w: yo: D: pon: promised to performe as he sayeth

The said depositions produced (viz)

John Boyte aged twenty three years and or thereabouts sworn: in Court sayeth that when William Kingly returned to his Master Plantar yo: D: pon: enquired of him when the baggs were the said William Kingly told him that he had hung it upon the gable in the Tobacco house whereupon yo: D: pon: went there to look for it but could not find it till the said William Kingly told yo: D: pon: that he had pulled it down: & carrye it out but thought yo: D: pon: had searcht & searcht for it he could not find it till the said William Kingly told yo: D: pon: that he had given it to one of the Neighbourhood whereupon yo: D: pon: went there to enquire for it but the man told him that he knew nothing of it neither had the said William Kingly lately been there And yo: D: pon: further sayeth that coming againe he enquired further of the said William Kingly when the baggs were, and he told yo: D: pon: that he hung it upon the fence where he was gathering Corn before he Run away, whereupon yo: D: pon: also went to search for it, and found a place near the fence where the said William Kingly had made a fire and roasted Eard of Corn: but yet yo: D: pon: could not find the baggs then the said William Kingly told yo: D: pon: that he had sold the baggs to William Kidd for a Pen: &