

Robt. Proctor
Tho. Bland

And the said Thomas Bland in his proper person Court and desired the force and injury
when &c. and for plea thereof saith that all the byes in the declaration uttered the said
Thomas did sign and make and as his act and deed Dicitur a Bill of Sale of the said
Robert his own procurement the contents of w^{ch} was that the said Thomas was bound more
especially of 3000^l of Tobacco that the said Ellice should send the said Robert
According to the Customs of the Country and to warrant the said: and that the said
Ellice was left at the house of the said Robert as the proper servant to the said Robt.
and not as the servant to the said Thomas and to pay anything for her accommodations
And that he is ready to prove and thereupon prayeth the Judge of this Court whether the said
Robt. ought to have his said avon.

Thomas Bland

And the said Robert Proctor By Henry Stanley his Attorney saith that by
anything the Def. in his plea alleges he ought not to be discharged of his avon: for the said
woman servant Ellice was then the proper servant of the said Def. and not servant
of his the said Robert and this he sheweth and thereupon puts himself upon the Court

Henry Stanley
and the Def. Likewise
Thomas Bland

Wherupon the Witnesses Supposed for the p^{rt} were called who being duly sworn and
examined deposed as followeth (viz)

Christopher Bridgewater aged 29 years saith that Thomas Bland upon a
Saturday night together with a woman servant called Ellice, coming to the house
of Robert Proctor the said Thomas Bland would have sold the said servant to Mr. Proctor
and desired Mr. Proctor to keep the said servant and look after her But that Mr. Proctor
was unwilling she should stay in the house and would have had Mr. Bland to have carryed her
away again. And this deponent further saith that the next morning the said Mr. Bland
would needs sell the said woman servant, whether Mr. Proctor and his wife would or no. And
that the said Bland fetched two Bottles of wine and said he would have that wine for the servant
to w^{ch} Mr. Proctor replied that Mr. Bland should pay for the same and when the said Mr.
Bland was going from the house Mr. Proctor would have had him to have taken with him
the said servant along with him But that Mr. Bland would by no means take away the said
servant But left her there and desired Mr. Proctor to keep her any while promising her
a hogg^d of Tobacco and that she should have the said servant for her paym^t. And this
deponent further saith not.

Ellice Borrowoughs aged about 24 years saith that Mr. Bland about midnight
said he would give a hogg^d of Tobacco to Mr. Proctor if she would keep the woman servant
about midnight for a month and that if she kept her longer she should have her for nothing And
this deponent further saith not.

John Turner aged about 24 years saith that at the Tyme about midnight
Mr. Bland being at Mr. Proctors house Brought out two Bottles of wine and said I will
drink for her honour meaning Ellice byr the woman servant about midnight and upon
this saying that he would have the said servant with this deponents mistress her Mr. Proctor
said she would have nothing to do with her and thereupon Mr. Bland said if you will keep her a
month you shall have a hogg^d of Tobacco: and if she did well at the months End the mistress
should have her Likewise for her droubt. And this deponent further saith not.

Then were the witnesses for the Def. also called who being duly sworn and
examined deposed as followeth (viz)

George Brabant servant to Thomas Bland aged about 25 years saith that
Mr. Bland (his master) Brought down Ellice byr on a Saturday night to Robert Proctors
and would have sold her to him But that in regard she was very ill Mr. Proctor was loath
to buy her. And Mr. Bland demanding 800^l Tobacco for the said servant Mr.