

At which said ninth day of February in the 43th year of his Majesty's Dominion & the same Sheriff maketh returne vnto the Court of the W^m Chamber before M^e King Miles Gray, Alexander Drapper good and lawfull men of my Bailiwick which being read and heard and none appearing to shew cause wherefore the said Letters patents of the said aforesaid ought not to be revoked and annulled and the record and records thereof cancelled & made void and the same into his Majesty's hands be seized. The judgment of the Court here this day to witt the thirtieth day of February in the year aforesaid is that the Chancellour make void the said Letters patents upon Record and that the same be revoked cancelled evacuated annulled and for void and invalid had and esteemed and also that the inrollment of Record of them shall be cancelled and annulled and for void and invalid held and esteemed.

Upon the petition of Thomas Mayhew that in the month of July 1673 he sold unto George Vtice Gent a woman servant named Hannah Bowen for which he received and other goods sold the said Vtice was to pay unto the petitioner 2400^s & Tobacco that in November or December 1673 the said Hannah happened to be brought to bed of a bastard Child and that after she was delivered by the persuasion of the said Vtice (who had promised to her if she would lay the Child to the petitioner he would save her from a whipping and she should have the better for it as by the affidavit of Michael Frank and Richard Whittier it may appear) by her affidavit she did to the petitioner that the petitioner having notice thereof did in March last procure a warrant for Capt Howell one of his Majesty's justices of that County to have the said Hannah bound over to the next Court to be examined & as she saw with the petition. Yet notwithstanding the petitioner attended there at the next Court with evidence sufficient enough to prove the Child was got by One Edward Winwood by the confession of the said Edward & Hannah & other pregnant circumstances sufficient to charge the petitioner and although the Justice served the said warrant upon the said Hannah & gave notice to the said Vtice to be there also yet neither he nor the said Hannah by his Order did appear at the said Court & so nothing was then done. That the 3rd of June last the said Vtice in the absence of the petitioner being then in Virginia and upon her affidavit aforesaid and another oath then taken in Court that the said Vtice her master did neither advise, instigate or prompt her to lay the said bastard to the petitioner the Court without any other testimony confession or declaration in regard of Swear or other pregnant circumstances agreeing therunto as by the Act is directly provided in that case did order at the request of One Miles Gibson the pretended Attorney of the petitioner a reference until the next Court at which Court being the 4th of August last they ordered the said Miles Gibson as Attorney of the petitioner to pay the said Vtice 1400^s & of Tobacco with costs of suite for the petitioner getting the said servant with this otherwise execution. That the petitioner finding himself thus aggrieved & not heard produced his several evidences sufficient to charge him as aforesaid as by the Copies thereof ready to be produced may appear. Yet the Court ordered the former Order to stand with costs of suite whereupon the petitioner appealed to this Court but the said appeal was never entered and the said Vtice hath detained in his hands the said debt of 1400^s of Tobacco for his damages and costs as aforesaid. Now forasmuch as it plainly appears there hath been a conspiracy and combination between the said George Vtice and the said Hannah Bowen not only to ruin the petitioner's credit and fortune but to defraud him of his said debt of 1400^s & Tobacco and for that the proceedings have been very illegal and erroneous the petitioner therefore humbly prayed to admit his appeal and that the whole matter thereupon may be heard here next Court and that in the mean time an Order may issue to the Commissioners for a transcript of the Records of their whole proceedings therein and that the said Hannah Bowen and George Vtice may be ordered then and there to appear to hear the said Appeals accordingly.

Which being read and heard it is this day to witt eighth of December in the 43th year of his Majesty's Dominion & considered by the Court here that a Writari be granted the petitioner the tenor whereof followeth in these words vnto.