

August Court 1715

Carpenter if he should be found in his Parish that all Excuses and delays be sett apart he be and appear before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at our Court house in the Town of Chester in Said County to Answer unto a certain Bill of Indictment against him for that he the Said Thomas Jones hath not taught or caused to be taught the Trade of a Carpenter to a certain Richard Willis an orphan nor kept nor caused to be kept the Said Richard Willis to any other Trades according to Act of Assembly in Such Case made &c. and that he have there & there the Said writ &c.

At which Said next Court viz. the twentieth day of August the Same year last mentioned the day of return of said precept came Simon Wilmer Gent High Sheriff of Said County and made return thereof in these words thereon endorsed as follo<sup>o</sup> viz. Summoned of me Simon Wilmer.

At which Said Court the Said Deft being called came and in his proper person appeared to the said Judgment. and by James Earle his atty pleads not guilty and for by all put himself on the Court

Earle

and he prosecutes for our Lord proprietarie Says he is guilty

Th<sup>o</sup> Johnson of Driffield

And the Same being heard as well the pleadings as the Evidences and allegations on both Sides and the Same being by the Court duly Considered: Therefore it is Considered by the Court here viz. this twenty first day of August Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen That the Said Thomas Jones be Condemned the Sum of Six hundred pounds of Tobacco to be paid the Said Richard Willis by reason of the Said Thomas Jones his not keeping the Said Richard to his Trade as by Act of Assembly in Such case he was obliged to but kept the Said Richard to Common Labour as also that the Said Thomas Jones pay the Sum of Nine hundred and Six pounds of Tobacco &c according to the Officers of this Court on the premises afo<sup>o</sup>. and that the Said Richard Willis be bound to another master till he arrive at age.

John Redis an Evidence in the above cause proves he attended as an Evidence in the Same three days & prays an att for the Same ordered by the Court here that the afo<sup>o</sup> Thomas Jones pay the Said John Redis ninety pounds of Tobacco for his attendance afo<sup>o</sup>

John Smith