

adjudged for said therefore it is ordered by the Court here by the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August Anno Domini 1719 that the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietor recover against the said William Morris the sum of twenty pounds Sterling as also recover against the said Gideon Pearce the sum of four pounds Sterling to the use of his said Lord Ship &c.

His Lord Ship  
& James Harris.  
at  
Sarah Jewers

Kent County & Sarah Jewers of Kent County  
Widow stands attached to answer unto the Right  
Honourable the Lord Proprietor of this Province  
and James Harris who as well for the said Lord  
Proprietor as for himself followeth of a plea that  
The tender to the said Lord Proprietor and the  
said James Harris the sum of two thousand pounds of Merchantable  
Tobacco of the value of twenty pounds Sterling money which to the said  
Lord Proprietor and the said James Harris she unjustly detains &c.  
and whereupon the said Act by Thomas Berne his Attorney  
saith that whereas by a Statute at a Session of Assembly begun and held  
at the City of Annapolis the Twentieth sixth day of April in the first year of the  
reign of our Sovereign Lord George of Great Brittain France and Ireland  
King Defender of the Faith &c. in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand  
seven hundred and fifteen amongst other things relating to Servants  
and Slaves it was enacted and enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty  
by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesties Governour Council  
and Assembly of this Province by the Authority of the same that no person  
whosoever shall trade Barter Commerce or any wayes deal with any  
Servant whether hired or indentured or Slave belonging or appertaining  
to any Inhabitant within this Province without leave or license first  
had and obtained from such Servants Master Mistress Dame or Overseer  
for his so doing under the penalty of two thousand pounds of Merchantable  
Tobacco the one half thereof to his Majesty his heirs and Successors for  
the Support of Government the other half to the Master Mistress or true  
owner of such Goods so purloined Bartered or conveyed away when proved  
by sufficient witness or Confession of the party to be recovered in any  
Court Record of this Province by action of Debt Bill plaint or Information  
wherein no Writ of Habeas Corpus or Writ of Law to be allowed as by the  
said Act of Assembly amongst other things more fully is contained yet the  
said Deft. the Statute aforesaid Considering nor the pains nor penalties in  
the same Statute in any wise minding or regarding the said Deft. the fourth  
day of November in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand seven hundred  
and seventeen at S. Pauls Parish in Kent County within the Jurisdiction of  
this Court did trade Barter and Buy of a certain Negro Man Slave named  
Tom belonging to the said James Harris an Inhabitant in Kent County  
within the Province aforesaid Tom Burholls of Merchantable Tobacco of the value  
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