

Negro Bep } Somerset County. To the worshipful his Lordships Justices of the peace for Somerset County
 Col^d eg^t } Now in Court sitting the humble petition of Bep Negro humbly sheweth & —
 Horsey's — That whereas your worship's poor petitioner was Born a Slave in Colo: David Brown house and it
 was the said Colo: good pleasure before his death to appoint that my mother and all her posterity should
 be free after his death only that your petitioner to serve his heirs or assigns till twenty one years of age —
 which your petitioner did truly and was sold free Now may it please your worship's Since I have been free
 by some Instrument in Writing I have Engaged my self to a certain M^{rs} Hannah Horsey at Back Creek
 as she says for her Lifetime like the said M^{rs} Horsey finding me in sufficient meat drink & Cloathing with
 she does not but says she will give me but what she pleases and am threatened to be sold with my
 Child now that your worship's would be pleased to take it into consideration and give the said M^{rs} Horsey
 to produce the said Writing that your Worship's may know by what she holds me and my Child and
 grant me some relief for I am threatened by her Son John Horsey to be sold sometime as your Worship's
 in your wisdom shall seem meet and as in duty Bound your Worship's poor petitioner shall ever pray
 Bep Negro.

Whereupon Command was given to the Sher^{ff} of Somerset County that he should Summon the
 said Hannah Horsey & John Horsey if they should be found in his County with that all Excuses set apart they
 be and appear before the Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset to be held at Dividing Creek the third
 Tuesday of March then Next and that they have there the said Indenture by which the said Negro Bep is held
 to before the petition & that these of the should not fail &c

At which said next Court to wit the Seventeenth day of March and then One thousand Seven hundred
 and twenty three being the day of the return of the said Writ Cometh the Sher^{ff} of Somerset County
 and maketh return thereof to the Court here Endorsed in these words. *passing by Sumd free for M^{rs} Horsey*

Whereupon the said Hannah Horsey & John Horsey in their own proper persons appear
 herein Court as also the said Petitioner, and the Petition & being read & heard and the several
 allegations on both parts as well on the part of the said Horseys as on the part of the said Petitioner
 and likewise the said Indenture by which the said Petitioner is said to be held being inspected by
 the Court and Read and singular the premises considered &c

It is Ordered by the Justices here that the said Petitioner Negro Bep be acquitted from
 her Service &c, and that the said Indenture is not good &c.

His Lordship } Somerset County. The Jurors for the right honourable the Lord proprietary of the
 Mary Jones } Province of Maryland that Now is for the body of Somerset County upon their Oath do present
 that Mary Jones Late of Piquet Parish in the County of Squibb the tenth day of April One
 thousand Seven hundred and twenty three at the parish &c in the County &c with in the jurisdiction of this
 Court committed fornication with a certain Mitchell Dashed by means whereof the said Mary Jones.
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