

August Court --- 1723 --- 1801

Whereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should Summon the said Orphan Boy if he should be found in his Bailwicks that all Causes sett apart he be appear before the Justices of our County Court of Somersett aft to be held at Dinding Creek the third Tuesday of August then next to answer the petition aft and that there of he should not fail &

At which said third Tuesday of August next to with the twentieth day of the same month and Term. On the said Seven hundred and twenty three Comes the Sheriff of Somerset County and makes return there of Endorsed to the Court here viz. Summed of Joseph M^r Chester Sheriff

Whereupon appeared here in Court the Petitioner aft as also the said Orphan called John Warren and the Court having heard their severall allegations as well on the part of the Petitioner aft as on the part of the said Orphan, and having deliberated thereon. Thereupon the said John Warren by his agent ~~Delia~~ is bound by the Court unto Catherine Curnell Widow of Reg^t Thomas Curnell aft dec^d until he arrives to the age of twenty One year of age, he being seven teen years old last March, the said Catherine Curnell to learn the said John Warrens lead and write, and to give him anew Suite of Cloaths at the Expiration of his Servitude, and like wise to give him Now at this time a Cow and Calf, the same Cow and Calf to remain with the Stock of the said Catherine Curnell until the Expiration of the Service aft, and then the said Catherine Curnell to deliver upon unto the said John Warren the said Cow and Calf with all her Increase &

It's thereupon Ordered by the Court that the said Catherine Curnell give Security for the performance of the Covenants aft. Whereupon the said Catherine Curnell with John Swire her Security present here in Court acknowledged themselves to stand and stand Justly Indebted Jointly and Severally unto the said John Warren in the Sum of twenty pounds Current money to be levied on their Bodys goods or Chattles Lands or tenements for the Use of the said John Warren in Case the said Catherine Curnell shall not comply with the Covenants aft.

Adam Spence Ind^t
Pet^r for his negro to be
free

To the worshipful Justices of Somerset County in Court Sitting the humble Petition of Adam Spence Ind^t most humbly sheweth, that whereas your worshipful petitioner hath a negro woman named Jenny who hath been blind ever since your worshipful Petitioner had her, notwithstanding your Petitioner not being desirous to be Burthened with the publick hath not heretofore petitioned to have her free, but in the last part of winter your petitioner had a severe Brown down upon her which hath so Bruised her and Broke some of her Bones especially one of her thigh Bones, so that she is altogether useless who hopes your worshipful will take it into your Judicious Consideration and Alleviate him from paying taxes for her she being only a Charge to your petitioner and altogether incapable of doing any manner of Service and your worshipful Petitioner as in duty Bound shall pray.

Adam Spence Ind^t

Whereupon the petition aft being read and by the Court heard and fully deliberated and It's Considered by the Justices that the said Negro woman of the aft Adam Spence Ind^t be Levy free for this year &

Mary Casanough - of Somerset County's Memorand^m that the thirteenth day of August One thousand Seven hundred and twenty three, John Banister of the County aft Just^{ice} and Mary Casanough

(Case)