

August Court . . . 1723 86

Daniel Sharadon }
 Esq. agt. } To the worshipfull his Lordships Justices for Somerset County in Court sitting the humble
 John Langdale } Petition of Daniel Sharadon humble Sheweth that there is an concealation of mine an
 Orphan Boy of James Smith which is now under the tuition of John Langdale by
 Marrying of the said Orphan and Mother in Law which is very much Misused and Badly dealt by
 and the said James Smith dying Left some Considerable Estate which have Never Been appraised which
 Causes Suspicion that the Orphan will Never be the Better for what his father Left him if your
 Petitioner do humbly crave that your worships will Inquire into it and Cause the Orphan to be
 Better dealt by and removed to some good Body that will take Care of him and your Petitioner as
 his duty Bound shall ever pray. — Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of
 Somerset County that he should Summons the said John Langdale if he should be found in his Bailiwick
 that all Excuses set apart he ^{might} and appear before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Tomflet
 to be held at Diving Creek the third Tuesday of August then next, and Likewise that he should have the
 same orphan at the day and place aforesaid, and that thereof he should not fail &c. —

At which said third Tuesday of August to wit the twentieth day of the same month and day
 : said second hundred and twenty three being the day of the return of the said Writ Comers the Sheriff of
 Somerset County and makes Return thereof Endorsed in these words vizt Summons of Jor. M. Carter Sheriff.

Whereupon appears herein Court as well the said John Langdale with the said Orphan as the
 Petitioner aforesaid, and the Court having heard their severall allegations as well on the Part of the said
 John Langdale as on the Part of the aforesaid Petitioner and naturally weighed and Considered ^{the} Circumstances
 are of Opinion that it would tend most to the Interest of the said Orphan to be Bound out to some
 good Person that will take Care of him and give him Education &c. —

Whereupon the aforesaid Orphan called David Smith is bound by the Court unto William Stoughton Esq.
 untill he arrives to the age of twenty One Years he being fourteen Years of age next January, the said
 David Smith to serve the said William Stoughton his said Master the said term of time aforesaid, in all
 such Employments and Lawfull Service ^{as} he should employ him in or about — In Consideration of
 which Service so as aforesaid to be performed, ^{the said} William Stoughton is to Learn the said David Smith
 to read well in the Bible and to write — Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said William
 Stoughton give Security for the Performance of the Covenants aforesaid —

Thereupon the said William Stoughton with M^r. Charles Ballard his Security acknowledged
 themselves to owe and stand Justly Indebted unto the said David Smith in the sum of fifty pounds
 Curr^t. money to be Levied on the Bodys goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements for the Use of the said David
 Smith, In Case the said William Stoughton doth not Learn him to read well in the Bible and write
 and to find him sufficient meate drink washing Lodging and Cloathing meate for such an
 apprentice to have and wear during the Service aforesaid —