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Mathias Nichols
bound to
Matthew Hopkins

Mathias Nichols son of Charles Nichols of Somerset County dec. is bound by the Court of his own consent until he arrives at the age of twenty one years, unto Matthew Hopkins, the said Mathias Nichols being fifteen years of age last March the said Mathias Nichols to serve his said Master the full term of time as in all such Lawful service as he should employ him in or about, his secrets keep and commands obey.

In consideration of which said servitude the said Matthew Hopkins undertakes for to learn the said Mathias Nichols during his servitude, the trade art or science of a good wheelwright & to read well in the bible and write and cypher, and likewise find and provide for his said servant sufficient meat drink washing and lodging mete for such an apprentice to have and wear, and at the expiration of his servitude to give him a new suit of cloaths &c.

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the sd Matthew Hopkins give Recognizance in ten pounds sterling for to comply with the covenants aforesaid.

Thereupon the sd Matthew Hopkins present here in Court acknowledged himself to owe and stand duly indebted unto the sd Mathias Nichols in the sum of ten pounds sterling to be levied upon his body goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements for the use of the said Mathias Nichols his heirs or assigns if default be made in the condition hereunder written -

The condition of the above Recognizance is such that if the above bounden Mathias Hopkins do and shall well and truly learn the sd Mathias Nichols during his servitude the trade of a good wheelwright and read well in the bible and to write and cypher, and likewise find and provide for his said apprentice sufficient meat drink washing lodging and clothing - mete for such an apprentice to have and wear, and at the expiration of his servitude to give him a new suit of cloaths &c. then the above Recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

John Barker Ind.

Recognizance

Robin John an Indian, with several others of the Coromack Indians comes here into Court and makes Complaint ^{by} against John Barker Ind. of Somerset County, that he had burnt their fence, and struck the said Indian Robin John with his fist &c.

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the goe ^{the sd of Somerset County} and bring the said Ind.

Barker into Court to answer the Complaint aforesaid with an Indian boy called Quinackin who is detained as a servant by the said John Barker &c. Afterwards in the same Court came the said John Barker, with the said Indian Boy called Quinackin, and the sd Robin John with the rest of the Coromack Indians, and whereupon the said Court having heard their several Allegations as well on the part of the said John Barker as on the part of the Indians aforesaid, and likewise the said Barker - Confesses herein Court that in his Defension he did strike the sd Indian called Robin John one blow with his fist and no more &c. whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said Indian Boy called Quinackin be discharged from any further service to the said John Barker & that he be there - of acquitt, and likewise it is ordered by the Court that the same John Barker give Recognizance in the sum of five pounds &c. with one security in the same sum for his good behaviour and appearance at June Court next for the County aforesaid. Whereupon the sd John Barker with a certain Tom. of the same County his