

Somersetts: A Court of the Right hon^{ble} Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore held at Swindon Green in Somerset County by his said Lordships Commissioners and Justices of the Peace the third Wednesday of August being the fifteenth day of the same month and in the twelfth year of his said Lordships Dominion Anno Domini: 1727

Present

The Worshipfull
 Mr. Sand Hodgkin
 Mr. William Blannier
 Mr. John Jones
 Mr. William Kavitt
 Mr. John Smith
 Mr. William Stoughton

Mr. John Caldwell
 Mr. John Mester
 Mr. John Hardy
 Mr. James Dashiell
 Mr. John Scott

His Lordships Justices
 Thomas Hayward Esq.

John White Bel^l for Negro to be tax free
 To the worshipfull Justices of Somerset County now sitting in Court
 the humble petition of John White of Somerset County humbly sheweth to your worships that my negro Jack hath been unable to earn his bread for three years by reason of several infirmities having been twice ill of his sickness besides other means administered to the great charge of the Petitioner may it therefore please your worships to grant that he may be tax free and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray

The petition aforesaid being read and heard and mature deliberation thereupon had
 Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Negro Jack belonging to the aforesaid John White be for the future tax free as by the petition aforesaid is prayed

Jack negro boy belonging to John Davis is adjudged by the Court to be of the age of ten years

Edm. Hough and Southerly Whittington Bel^l for their Negroes to be tax free
 To the worshipfull Justices of Somerset County Court now sitting may it please your worships - Whereas your petitioner having a negro that past their labour by bondage desires they may be tax free and your Petitioners shall be in duty bound to pray - Edm. Hough Southerly Whittington

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 wherefore it is considered by the Court that the Negro aforesaid of the aforesaid Edm. Hough and Southerly Whittington be for the future tax free as by the petition aforesaid is prayed

Strike Gunby comes into Court in his proper person, and brings with him a certain Mary Richard his servant woman and produces an amount against her that she had absented her self out of his service weekly three days, and four hundred pounds of tobacco paid for taking her up when Run away as aforesaid, and pray the Court that the said Mary Richard may be adjudged to serve him according to act of assembly, for the runaway time aforesaid and for the tobacco paid as aforesaid - Whereupon ed and singular their remises considered and by