

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1728.  
Bill of Indictment against John Edwards, <sup>Jurist</sup> and William Till, thereupon the grand Jurors are discharged and ordered that they be allowed five hundred pounds of tobacco for their publick service this Court, to be paid next Levy Court, &c.

Quammy negro boy of Robert Hodge is adjudged by the Court to twelve years &c.

Upon the motion of Robert Pearce of Somerset County Gentleman, to this Court, to be admitted one of the practitioners of the Law in the same Court, Granted he taking the severall Oaths appointed by Law, and subscribing the Oath of abjuration and test &c.

Thereupon the said Robert Pearce took the severall Oaths appointed by Law to the Government, and the Oath of an attorney, and subscribed the Oath of abjuration and test &c. and thereupon the said Robert Pearce is accordingly admitted &c.

Oxford negro boy of Richard Dashiell is adjudged by the Court to be of the age of twelve years &c.

Quammy negro boy of Isaac Hardy is adjudged by the Court to be of the age of Ten years this term &c.

Upon the motion of Mr. William Blannier on behalf of a certain John Tyler to have him tax free &c. Wherefore it is considered by the Court that the said John Tyler be for the future tax free as by the motion aforesaid is granted &c.

Ethier Costau, Elizabeth Costau, Ann Mary Costau, and Comfort Costau Orphans of Stephen Costau dec. is bound by the Court of their own Consent unto Peter Benton and Comfort his wife until they arrive at the age of sixteen years each, if the said Comfort wife of the said Peter Benton should live so long, but if it shall please God the said Comfort wife of the said Peter should depart this life before the said Children should arrive to the age of sixteen as aforesaid, that then the said Peter is to return them to the County Court of Somerset for the time being, the said Children to serve the said Peter Benton and Comfort his wife the full term of time aforesaid &c.

In consideration of which servitude the said Peter Benton and Comfort his wife undertakes to learn the said Children to read well in the bible and to write Law and Equity with other how wifery, whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said Peter Benton give security to comply with the covenants aforesaid.

Whereupon the said Peter Benton with Isaac Costau his security both present here in Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves to owe and stand justly indebted unto the said Ethier, Elizabeth, Ann Mary, and Comfort Costau, Orphans and their heirs and assigns in the sum of forty pounds Sterling severally on their bodies Goods or Chattels, Lands or tenements for the use of the said Children to be made and served if default be made in the condition hereunder written.

The condition of the above Recognizance is such that if the above Bound Peter Benton do and shall learn the said Ethier, Elizabeth, Ann Mary and