

Thomas Bredix } Somerset County in Maryland Aug: 16 1732
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To the worshipful Court now sitting the humble petition of Thomas Bredix sheweth that whereas your petitioner hath a certain Negro woman named Lagg that is often taken with violent fits and also a distemper in her feet which renders her utterly incapable of Service so that your petitioner prayeth ^{youe of the Court} would acquitt him of paying of Taxes for the said Negro. and your most humble petitioner as in duty bound shall pray the Court.

The petitioners aforesaid being read and heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had wherefore it is considered by the Court that the aforesaid Thomas Bredix be discharged from paying of taxes for the aforesaid Negro Woman until such time as please God to restore her to her health be.

James Ryding - } James Ryding an Orphan present honor Court is bound by the same Court of his own
bound by } consent unto a certain John Crafford, until he arrives at the age of twenty one years
John Crafford . . . } the said James to serve his said Master the full term aforesaid, during which term the said

James his said Master well and faithfully shall serve his servants keep his Commandments Lawfull and honestly every where willingly shall do and in all things as a good and faithful Servant shall demean himself towards his said Master and all his during the term aforesaid

In consideration of which service the said John Crafford present honor Court Covenanteth with the Jurors of the same Court, in Court Individually sitting on behalf of the same James Ryding that during the term aforesaid he will Learn his said apprentice the trade of a taylor, and keep him at his Learning and at the expiration of his servitude Give him anew Suit of Coats, (a taylor's Goose and Shares and Thimble) over and above his Common wearing Coats, and Likewise find and provide for his said apprentice: his meat drink washing Lodging and Coathing mete for such an apprentice to have and wear during the term aforesaid &c. whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the aforesaid John Crafford Give Security for to Comply with the Covenants aforesaid &c.

Whereupon the said John Crafford with John Caldwell of Somerset County Gent^l. his Security both present here in Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves to owe and stand Justly Indebted unto the said James Ryding in the sum of twenty pounds Sterd Joyntly and Severally of their Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements for the use of the said James Ryding his heirs and assigns.

If it happen that the said John Crafford do not Learn his said apprentice during his servitude the trade of a taylor, and keep him at his Learning, and at the expiration of his servitude, do not Give him a taylor's Goose, Shares and Thimble, and anew Suit of Coats over and above his Common wearing Coats, and do not find and provide for his said apprentice, meat drink washing Lodging & Coathing sufficient for such an apprentice to have and wear during his servitude aforesaid, then the above recognizance to be void full force and virtue &c. otherwise &c.

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Fromby anegro Boy of Thomas Brown is adjudged by the Court to six years &c.