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petition as aforesaid and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray. Joseph Jones —

The petition aforesaid being read and heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had wherefore it is considered that the aforesaid Andrew Smith be overseer and Year abroad from Madam Hampton plantation to George Frewitts ditch as by the petition aforesaid is said &c. —

Mary Tanner
Petⁿ &
Francis Harper.

To the worshipful Justice of Somerset County now sitting the humble petition of Mary Tanner sheweth that your petitioner being sold according to the Custom of the County to Robert Carter and serving him eight months after which time was brought into this County and sold to William Eskridge with whom I served two years and seven months after which time he sold me to Francis Harper for three Years and nine months which time being two Years more than I should serve according to the Custom of the County and having served five Years I hope your worship will take it into Consideration (being hold by Francis Harper) to discharge your petitioner having no Indenture against me and your petitioner will be in duty bound to pray

Therupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County ^{Mary Tanner} that he should ^{summon} the said Francis Harper and William Eskridge if they should be found in his bailly with that all Expense sett apart they be and appear before the Justice of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset now holden at Dividing Creek this eighteenth day of March anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty four to answer the petition of the said Mary Tanner after words to with the same day and Year as in the same Court came the said Sheriff to wit Joseph McFester Gent. and made return that he had summoned the said Francis Harper and Wm. Eskridge as by the process of the said Court he was commanded &c. —

Wherupon came hereto ^{as well} the said Francis Harper and William Eskridge in their proper person as the said petitioner and wherupon the said William Eskridge prays that the said Mary Tanner may be demanded back ^{into} the service of her master Francis Harper and he would make it appear at ^{June} Court next by what power or authority the said Mary Tanner was detained as a servant. Wherupon the said Mary Tanner is ordered by the Court to return to her said Masters service until the next ^{June} Court and the same day is given to the aforesaid Francis and William here also &c. —

At the which said next Court to wit the seventeenth day of June anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty five came again as well the said Francis Harper and William Eskridge as the said petitioner all in their proper persons and the petition aforesaid being read and heard and fully understood as well on the part of the aforesaid Francis Harper and William Eskridge as on the part of the said Petitioner and the several allegations on all sides being mutually deliberated and forasmuch as the said William

Eskridge