

Somerset p. June 6th 1736.

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All a Court of the Right honorable Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the
Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. held at dividing Creek in Somers-
set County the third Tuesday of June 11 with the fifteenth day of the same month and in the twenty-
second Year of his said Lordships Dominion &c. and Done. One thousand seven hundred and thirty-
six by his said Lordships Justices the peace in the same County to keep a Justice of whom were present

Colo Robert King. -- Cap^t Henry Baleard.

Cap^t John Smith. -- Cap^t David Wilson.

M^r. William Stoughton. -- Cap^t Edward Brown.

Cap^t John Handy. -- Cap^t Charles Raskliffe.

Cap^t John Drott. -- Colo George Darshick.

Cap^t James Martin. -- M^r Thomas Gillis.

Cap^t William Sane. -- M^r Isaac Handy.

Cap^t Thomas Williams. -- M^r Michael Darshick.

His Lordships

Justices.

His Mayward &c.

The Worshipful

Joseph M^r Peter

Proclamation being made in usual form and the Sheriff

of Somerset County being called to make return of the paucity of Orphan Jurors this day by him to

be returned according to act of assembly came hereunto Court and returned the same as followeth vizt
Samuel Wilson. -- George Howard. -- Edward Wilson. -- John Selby. -- Wm. McNamee.
John Finch. -- Mallin Kennett. -- Robert Selby. -- James Thompson. -- John Webb.
Thomas Brown. -- William Nelson. -- William Draper. -- John Beaufort. -- Pauline James.
Joseph Gray. -- John Shiler.

who being severally called over did appear and were sworn and charged and sent out to consider &c.
soon after the Orphan Jurors of being impaneled sworn and charged as aforesaid returned hereunto Court
and being severally called over again and being asked if they had agreed on any presentments answered
no thereupon they were discharged &c.

John Laws

pet^r

To the Worshipful the Justices of the peace for the County of Somerset in Court
sitting the humble petition of John Laws of same Quarter sheweth that the
your petition^r hath a negro man named Dureah who is very antient and hath been in
this County upwards of thirty years and when imported seemed of a middle age and for
these severall years hath been afflicted with pains in his limbs that he hath been of
little or no service to your petition^r and for this last year hath been intirely useless
and aburden to your petitioner wherefore your petition^r humbly prays that the said
negro man named Dureah may be set tax free for the future according to the directions
of the act of assembly of this province in such case made and provided and your petition^r
is in duty bound will pray --

The petition &c being read and heard and fully understood