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Ephraim Heather [To the Worshipsfull Court now setting The humble petition of Ephraim Heather  
petr. --- I humbly sheweth that whereas your petitioner hath an affrunt negro woman called  
Bess for whome he hath paid taxes this thirty nine years and now she is past her labour humbly prayes  
she may be tax free and as in duty bound shall ever pray.

The petition is being read and heard and full and due regard and mature deliberation thereupon had  
Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Ephraim Heather be discharged from pay-  
ing of Taxes for his aff Negro Woman Bess for the future as by the petition aforesaid is provided.

Thomas Benson | Somersel County } YOU Thomas Brigally and John Sheldon do confess-  
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Thos. Brigally & Judgment to Thomas Benson for thirteen shillings and eight pence current  
Johns money which sum was recovered by the said Thomas Benson against Thos.  
Brigally on the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of October 1736 before me the said sum of Thirteen shillings and eight  
pence to be levied of your Bodys goods or Buttells Land or tenements for the use of the said Thomas  
Benson in case the said Thomas Brigally should not pay and satisfy unto the said Thomas Benson  
the said Thirteen shillings and eight pence so as aforesaid against him with the additional costs  
thereon on the tenth day of February next taken before me the 23<sup>d</sup> day of October anno Domini 1736

Eliz. Hardy | Somerset County } I know all men by these presents that we  
bond to in Maryland. We know all men by these presents that we  
Wm. Hardy & others aforesaid are holden and firmly bound unto Samuel Hardy Thomas Hardy  
and William Hardy and Stephen Hardy Orphans of William Hardy decd in the sum  
and Iust sum of four hundred and twenty four pounds seven shillings and four pence curr-  
money of Maryland to be paid unto the said Samuel Hardy Thomas Hardy William Hardy and Stephen  
Hardy their heirs Exec. adm't. or assignee to the which payment well and truly to be made and done  
we give our selves our and cldt of our heirs Executors and adm'ts for the whole and in the whole  
Joynt and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this Twenty fourth day  
of Nov: 1736.

The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the Commissary Genl hath trans-  
mitted unto this Court the account of the Estate of William Hardy decd whereon it is found that there  
is Balance due to the above said Orphans the sum of Two hundred and twelve pounds three  
shillings and eight pence curr. money of Maryland if therefore the above said Elizabeth Hardy Eliz.  
Hardy and Isaac Hardy or any one of them or any one of them his exec. adm't. do and  
shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid Orphans the aforesaid sum of two hundred and twelve  
pounds three shillings and eight pence curr. money of Maryland according to use and the act of  
assembly which they shall cause affreage to receive the same from the above obligation to be void & of  
none effect otherwise to remain in full force & vertue

Scaled & Delivered Wm Lane  
In the presence of Tho Williams

Eliz. Hardy  
John Hardy  
Isaac Hardy