

November Court 1795

said apprentice meat drink washing Lodging and Bathing mete for such an apprentice to have been during the term aforesaid thereupon the said Francis Harper is ordered to give security for to comply with the Covenants aforesaid Whereupon the said Francis Harper with John Webb of Somerset County planter both Security both present here in Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves Indebted unto the said Melom Duke in the sum of twenty pounds Curr. money of Maryland of their body goods or Chattels severally to be made and paid to the use of the said Melom Duke his heirs and assigns if it happen that the said Francis Harper do not during the term aforesaid Learn his said apprentice the trade of sawing Read write and Cypher as far as the rule of three Inclusive and at the Expiration of his servitude do not give his said apprentice the Sum three Shaise and three pair of gears awarping Bars and Box and ahie for of three Years old and anew Suit of Clothes over and above his Common Wearing Clothes and do not provide for his said apprentice meat drink washing Lodging and Bathing mete for such an apprentice to have been during the term aforesaid

John Gilliland  
Pet<sup>r</sup>

To the Worshipfull Court now sitting — The humble petition of John Gilliland humbly sheweth y<sup>t</sup> whereas your petitioner hath a Negro Woman named Flora y<sup>t</sup> is a fool: is in and other ways distemper'd with y<sup>t</sup> Kickixs dy so y<sup>t</sup> she hath alto: gether been weleft to your petitioner humbly prays y<sup>t</sup> she may be stay free & as in duty bound shall ever pray The petition afo<sup>r</sup> being read and heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had wherefore it is considered that the afo<sup>r</sup> John Gilliland be discharged from paying of taxes for the afo<sup>r</sup> Negro Wench Flora as by the petition aforesaid is praid &c

Comfort Bentons  
Pet<sup>r</sup>

To the Worshipfull his Lordships Justices of Somerset County Court the humble petition of Comfort Bentons sheweth that your petitioner is possessed of a Negro Man named Maspala who is so Infirm as that he is altogether incapable of doing any work & is chargeable to your petitioner & is not withstanding returned as a taxable your petitioner humbly prays your worshipps will be pleased to discharge her from paying his taxes and as in duty bound she shall pray &c Comfort Bentons The petition afo<sup>r</sup> being read and heard and fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had wherefore it is considered that the afo<sup>r</sup> Comfort Bentons be discharged from paying of taxes for the afo<sup>r</sup> Negro Man Maspala as by the petition aforesaid is praid &c

William Duell  
Pet<sup>r</sup>

To the worshipfull his Lordships Justices of Somerset County Court the humble