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Whereas there was Eighteen pounds paper money Levied in the Publick Levy Last for the Use of Somerset County &c. and for as much as it appears to the Court here that the aforesaid Eighteen pounds of Right doth belong to Ed. Levi Gale and Ed. Robert King And the said Money being produced herein Court by the Sheriff of the County as to wit John Hardy Gent.:

And Whereupon the said John Hardy is ordered by the Court here to pay unto the aforesaid Ed. Robert King Two pounds fourteen Shillings Curr. money mayland Currency part of the aforesaid Eighteen pounds. and the Residue of the aforesaid Eighteen pounds to wit fifteen pounds and Six Shillings the said John Hardy is ordered to pay to Ed. Levi Gale &c. —

William More &
Thomas Shiles.. per

To the Worshipfull Justices of Somerset County in Court now sitting The humble petition of William

More and Thomas Shiles Most humbly sheweth That Whereas your petitioners were Executors for the Estate of John Nelson deceased and the widow having Intermarried with a certain John Ditt and the said Ditt and his wife are designed to Leave this County but are both very Willing to Leave the Children of the deceased and their Estates in your petitioners hands or Care Your petitioners Therefore humbly pray your Worships Will be pleased to make such Order for the delivery of the said Children and their Estates into your petitioners possession in Order to keep them Indemnified and they as in duty bound shall pray.

The petition aforesaid being Read and heard and fully understood and mature Deliberation thereupon had &c. It is Considered by the Court here that the aforesaid John Ditt and Ann his wife lately called Ann Nelson deliver up unto the said William More and Thomas Shiles all the Estate of the aforesaid William Nelson dec. (and the Children of said William) that they the said John Ditt and Ann his wife lately called Ann Nelson have in their hands and possession, and any ways of Right doth belong unto the Legale Representatives of the said William Nelson dec. or give them the said William More and Thomas Shiles Counter Bond according to act of assembly in such case made and provided, Otherwise attachment or distress upon application willed sue out of this Court against the Estate of the said John Ditt and Ann his wife therewith &c. —

William Stoughton

To the Worshipfull Justices of Somerset County in Court sitting the petition of William Stoughton humbly sheweth that your petitioner hath an negro man Slave named Rufus for whom Taxes hath been paid these forty five years and by what your petitioner can Learn is nigh Seventy years of age by reason of which great age the decay of his Eye sight the Loss of his memory and Other Infirmitys the said Slave is become Useless to your petitioner. . . . Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays your Worships to take the premises into Consideration and will be pleased to Let the said negro Slave Tax free for the future as your petitioner will even pray —

The petition aforesaid being Read and heard and fully understood It is Considered by the Court here that the aforesaid negro Rufus be for the future Tax free as by the petition aforesaid is praid &c. —

Whereas a certain Mary Jarvie an old Woman having lately had a boy called Bobo Jarvis born of her body that was begotten by an negro and for as much as such a Slave becomes Servant to the Use of the County where they are born