

The Sovereign Councils in favour of the above young letter

George Ingham Esq. Collector of Anamock District Georg. Ingham Esq. Collector of Deluxant District Mr. Philip Parker late Collector of Anamock District all within this Province did severally Make Answer to the above Letter, That they were no wayes guilty of the Matter there in Charged.

over abt. Willys Negroes clandestinely Brought from Barbados by One Capt Hill to one Jones who by the said Jones's Confession thereupon

Produced by his Excellency's Proposition of one Edward Willy Merchant presented to his Excellency the Governour of Barbados, together with the said Governour's Letter to his Excellency here, in favour of the Petitioner - The Petition setting forth that one Thomas Jones had knowingly bought of Capt Thomas Hill Commander of the Ketch Adventure, a couple of Negroes which the said Hill had brought clandestinely away from Barbados contrary to Law, therefore prayed that the same might be again restored to their Right owner, so that he as Security for the said Hill might not be damnified.

Then produced a paper of the said Jones in Answer to the said Petition whereby was signified that he did purchase of the said Hill two Negroes, one for 500. of Tob and the other for Tenn Thousand parts of Tob. w. was by him duly paid, without setting forth that after his purchase of the same made, he understood the said Negroes did belong to a Plantation in Barbados and had a hand in the Plot, therefore were sent on Board the said Hill's Vessell, to be hid by two of the Seamen and were accordingly hid, unknown to the said Hill until two days after his departure from Barbados, as the said Hill told the said Jones, and further said that to secure himself of the hazard of their Lives, he would dispose of them, and that if the said Jones would not keep them, he the said Hill had Chapmen enough for to take them off his hands.

Ordered that the Attorneys be consulted therein, and their Opinion & Answer upon the same to be given, with all Expedition.

A List of what Letters and other Papers were prepared to his Excellency Governour Nicholson by Mr. Robert Neame on behalfe of Mr. Edward Willy of Barbados - is as follows Vizt.

List of Papers relating to Willys Negroes and Neame's Receipts

Imp. A Letter from Mr. Neame to his Excellency the Governour. Dated the 23th of Jan^y 1694.

Mr. Edward Willys Pet to the Governour of Barbados abt. two Negroe Men transported from Barbados by Capt. Thomas Hill the said Negroes belonging to one Cap. William Porter.

The Opinion of Mr. Deane Esq. Relating to the aforesaid Negroes.

Mr. Neame's Pet to his Excellency's Council abt. the said Negroes in behalfe of the aforesaid Willy.

A further Report of Mr. Deane Esq. Concerning the said Negroes to an Order of Councils Annexed.

Thomas Jones's Confession to the Council abt. buying the said Negroes. Dated the 21st of Dec^r 1695.