

him immediately to bring his said Negro to Justice, upon which  
Caution and Advice the said Chew suffered his said Negro to appear  
before Your Complainant

In some short Time after the above Affair Mr. Jerome  
Plummer made another Complaint to Your Complainant ag.  
three of the said Chews Negroes, setting forth that they had stolen  
a parcel of Turkey from him, whereupon Your Complainant issued  
his Warrant against the said Negroes, and the Constable in the Execution  
of his Office applied himself to the said Chew acquainting him that  
he had a Warrant against three of his Negroes, upon which the said  
Chew demanded a sight of his Warrant, the Constable not mistrusting  
the said Chews Design shewed it to him, and immediately he put  
it in his Pocket, and would not afterwards deliver it, nor suffer the  
Constable to apprehend his Negro's telling the Constable they should  
never appear before Your Complainant. Your Complainant humbly  
conceives that these and such like Behaviours are bold daring  
Contempts of Authority, which if not timely prevented by Your  
Excellency who has the only Right to interpose, must and will be  
attended with dangerous Consequences, the dreadful Effects of  
which Your Complainant hopes will be prevented by your  
Excy's timely Interposition, and Your Complainant as in Duty  
bound will pray

Sam Smith

24th Jan. 1739

Messrs. { Anthony Godd } are Gentlemen who can prove the  
          { Thomas Webb } Truth of the within Complaint  
          { Jn. Bickerton }

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board send Mr. Chew  
a Copy of the said Petition, and give him Notice, if he has anything  
to alledge in his Justification, to attend this Board on Thursday  
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