C.1760 ATTEMPTED SETTLEMENT OF CASE INVOLVING STEPHEN WEST, JR. AND WILLIAM BROWN OF LONDONTOWN, ANNE ARUNDEL CO. MD. CALLOWAY PAPERS

Capt Johns will be pleased to Consider the following in his Settlt. of the Account between Willm Brown and Stephen West —

While SW. lived at London Town he had conceived a regard for Wm Brown and therefore proposed to Mr Dick to join and persuade him where old Mr West lived, which they determined would be W.Bs advantage, and accordingly Mr West proposed to let him have the House, furniture, Boats &c on very easy terms (remarkably so) & do every thing in their Power to promote his Welfare, — Capt Johns will be pleased to look into these Articles & House at Only £12. — Sg. & Annum — & Negro Jack at £30 Sterling, — Corn at 5/ Sg. & bushel advance on Goods, Porter 25 P Cent on Sterling, or 100 P Cent on Currency — & every thing with the same Consideration, — Mr Dick himself bought it extremely moderate — & Mr can truly say WB. ban his Brother he could not have his Interest more at heart — from the some Low Rent & WB. being a Workman Mr West was not to be burthened with any little Repair necessary — This disposition in Mr West's mind towards Willm Brown prevented him from Agreeing with Willm Brown for the price of some Joiner work he had to do at a new House, by London Town, and the Board & Annum of 2 White servants & an old Negro that worked for SW at the Ropewalk — But Mr Brown did not bear in mind the equitable Treatment he had met with, on the Contrary it appears that he has swelled his Charge against Mr West to the utmost Stretch, the unreasonable-ness of which is now the Subject of your determination — the Articles in debate are —

1st ..... WBs Charges £123, 17. 5 Currt for Joiner work done at my Plantation, — I am no Judge of Joiner work, but I very well Remember that at that time most Contracts was made in Sterling or Currency was very Scarce and that Mr Dick & I went one Club day to the Club House & took WBrown with us to agree with the Club for Repairing the Windows making new Sashes &c — when he (WB) offered to furnish the Club with new lights for the Windows at 6d Sterling P Sash, — wood & all — be pleased to look at that article in my Account & he charges me 1/ Currt P Sash,