Queries
as to Q 1st

I am of Opinion that a Master has a Property in the Labour of his Indented Servant for the time he has contracted to Serve, and that he has no Right to enlist in his Majesty's Service Without his Masters Consent, until the Expiration of his time of Servitude

as to Q 2d

I am of Opinion that a Recruiting Officer who enlists a Mans indented Servant knowing him to be such, is liable to the Action of the Master, and that he Ought to recover Damages Adequate to the injury he sustains by the Loss of his Servant, but if an Officer should enlist a Servant not knowing him to be such I think no Action will lye against him, unless he should detain the Servant after his Master often he is informed of his being a Servant In which case I think an Action would lye against him

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as to Q 3d

I am of Opinion that the Governor cannot discharge any Legal Action commenced by a Man for the Recovery of his Property, and not is an Action Commenced by a Master agt an Officer for taking his Servant out of his Service

C Dorsey

22 March 1756