the aforesaid Negro Moll and her said Increase, and that your Libellant may have
Such other relief in the Premisses as to your Honour shall seem most Meeet
Please your Honour to Grant unto your Libellant his Lordships Writt of Citation
in Common form to be directed to the af. Matthew Hemp and Rachel his Wife
thereby Commanding them and Each of them at a certain day and under a certain
Pain therein to be limitted to be and appear Before Your Honour in this Court
and there to make Answer to all and singular the Premises and to Stand to and
abide such Order Sentence and Decree therein as to your Honour shall seem
meet and Your Libellant shall Pray &c

Bordley & Libell.

Whereupon the said Ann Hall hath his Lordships Writt of Citation
to her Granted Directed to the Sheriff of Somerset County Commanding him
to Cite and Summons the said Matthew Hemp and Rachel his Wife that
they be and appear &c to Answer the Premisses aforesaid (And Copy of the said Libel
Sent to be served with the same Citation) Returnable to the Second Tuesday of
September Next

At Which said Second Tuesday of September
Being the Tenth Day of the same Month Anno Domini 1745 and the
Day of the return of the Precept aforesaid Came again the said Ann Hall by
Stephen Bordley Esq.r her Procurator aforesaid and the Sheriff of Somerset County
to Whom the Same was Directed Likewise Comes and Makes Return thereof
Endorsed

Sum.d So Answers John Dennis Junr. Sheriff

But the said Matthew Hemp and Rachel his Wife do not appear Where-
upon on Motion of the said Libellants Procurator it is Ordered that Attachment
Issue against the said Matthew Hemp and Rachel his Wife to Answer the Libel
and Complaint aforesaid Unless appearance this Court afterwards to Wit on
the same Court the said Matthew Hemp & Rachel his Wife by Mr Edw.d
Dorsey their Procurator appear and this Cause is Continued Untill next
Court and the same day is given to the Libellant & Libellees also

At Which said Next Court
to Wit the Second Tuesday of November Being the 12th Day of the same Month
Anno Domini 1745 Came Again the said Parties Libellant & Libellees by
their Procurators aforesaid and this Cause by Consent of Parties is Cont.
Untill next Court and the Same Day is Given to the Libellant and Libel-
lees also

At Which said next Court to Wit the Second Tuesday of
January Being the fourteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1745
Came Again the said Parties Libellant and Libellees by their Procura-
tors aforesaid And this Cause is Continued Untill Next Court and the
Same Day is Given to the Libellant and Libellees also

At Which said Next Court to Wit the second Tuesday
of March Being the Eleventh Day of the same Month Anno Domini
1745 Came Again the said Parties Libellant and Libellees by their Procurators
aforesaid Whereupon the said Matthew Hemp and Rachel his Wife file their
Answer to the Libell and Complaint aforesaid Which is Received and follows in
these

these Words viz.

The Answer of Matthew Hemp and Rachel his
Wife to the Libel and Complaint of Ann Hall Widow and Administratrix
of Isaac Stevens of Somerset County Deceased

These Respondents Saving and reserving to themselves all Benefit
and Advantage of Exception to the Manifold uncertainties, uncertainties and Insufficiencies
in the said Libellants Libel Contained for Answer thereto or to so much thereof as is
material for them to make Answer unto they Answer and say that they Believe
it may be true that Richard Stevens in the Libel mentioned was in his Life Time
Possessed of a Personal Estate more than Sufficient to Pay his Debts & Funeral
Charges, But what Overplus there was they know not, and that before his Death
he made such Will as in the Libel set forth, and thereof appointed his Wife Abi-
gail Stevens Ex.tx Who after his Death Proved the same and Took upon her-
self the Execution thereof as in the Libel is set forth and during the Life of the
said Abigail the Negro Woman Bess (in the Libel mentioned) was delivered of a
Negro Girl called Moll, who was about Two Years Old at the Time of the Death
of the said Abigail, and that after the Death of the said Abigail Richard Stevens
her son took out Letters of Administration on her Estate, and Proceeded therein as in
the Libel is set forth, these Respondents Likewise believe it may be true that
Isaac Stevens in the Libel mentioned died Intestate, and after his death Ad-
ministration of his Estate was Granted to the Libellant, after which they have
heard and Believe there was a division made of the said Four Negroes Jack
Jeffer, Bess & Moll upon which the said Richard Stevens was allowed to
retain the Negro Man Jeffer, and the Child Moll for his part thereof
and the Negro Woman Bess was delivered to John Stevens in the Bill mention.d
as his part thereof, and the Negro Man Jack who they have heard and believe
then was of Equal Value with the other Negroes was delivered to the Libellant,
as her Intestate Isaac Stevens's Part thereof, who was so well Satisfied therewith
that she gave the said Richard Stevens a Receipt for the same in discharge of her
Part of the said Negroes in the following Words to wit "I Ann Stevens Widow &
"Relict of Isaac Stevens deceased do hereby Certifie and Acknowledge to have
"received of Richard Stevens Administrator of Mr. Abigail Stevens deceased one
"Negro man named John valued as per Inventory of Appraisement to Eighteen
"Pounds, which said Negro so Valued as aforesaid I do hereby Cauccionally
"Receive on the Account and in Part of my full third Part of the Negroes According to
"Father Stevens his Will and do hereby Acquit and discharge the said Administrator his
"Heirs Ex.tors and Adm.rs of and from the said Negro as af. Witness my hand this 27th
day of May 1727 as by the said Receipt and discharge under the Hand of the Libellant
now in these Respondents Possession ready to be produced may appear, Which these
Respondents Humbly hope will be accounted a Sufficient Bar to any Claim that
the said Libellant can have to the Negroes so as aforesaid devised by the first men-
tioned Richard Stevens, But these Respondents humbly insist that in case no
such discharge had Been given, the Libellant can neither in Law nor Equity be
Intitled to more than so much Money as Negro Jack should be Proved to be Less
in Value than a third Part of the Value of Jack, Jeffer and Bess at the Time of
the Division, and one third Part of what Negro Moll was Worth at the time of
the Death of the said Abigail, as there could be no Other division of her than by
Converting her into Money and Dividing that these Respondents likewise