To the Honble the Justices of the Provincial Court — —

Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner John Forton born in India having been by force and Contrary to his Will and the Laws of the Land brought from England. And here Sold as a Slave to the late William Bladen Esq. off Roger Lemman Commander of the Chesapeak ffriggott your petitioner being Ignorant of the Illegal practise used thought himself Sold for no more than Seven Years which the more than the law was willing to Serve (the said Bladen promising Fair to him) he having been as he Can prove, Close prisoner in prison Aboard till Such Time the Ship got Clear of the Land —

Therefore May it Please your Honours to Make Such Necessary provision for your Petitioner as will be Consonant to the Laws of the Land And Equitable to Justice and good Conscience And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will Ever pray —

Which being read and heard, as Also the Allegations of the Pet.r And Matters Deliberation being thereupon had — It is Considered by the Justices here this 14th Day of April Anno Dnj 1720 That the Said John Forton is a ffreeman And that he be Discharged from his present Master's Service — And Also that the proceedings on this Petition be Entered — —

Dd Gilbert Higginson — Dl 260 Stg
Pb Thomas Rickards

Pm Roger Hollfast Exor John Ward } Ejectment Non
Pb Benjamin Beans — } Cul pleaded

Pb William Carter — } Attn.
Dd James Greenfield Gad Carlton Dd

Pb William Carter — } Attn.
Dd Wm Cook Gad of Carlton's Dd

Dd William Wilkinson — } Attn. Blc. Pm. Mr Thomas Cockey — } Dl
Pb Samuel Beale Gad Carlton Dd } no Effects pleaded — Dd Thomas Bottibons

Pb. Thos Bordley for his Lordship } Dl 200000 lbs Sued at request of Philip Lord Lord
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Md Thomas Bordley Esq. his Lordship's Attorney General Offered himself ready to prosecute the four last Mentioned Causes —

Pb. Thomas Bordley for his Majesty } Dl 100 lbs Sued at request of Philip Lord
Dd Jacob Lockerman — } Same

Pb The Same } Dl 200000 lbs. Sued at request of Edward Lloyd
Dd William Stone

Pb The Same } Same Dl Sued at Same request
Dd Elizabeth Rogers Exx. of John Rogers

Pb Laughlin Allum } Pb Ca
Dd Abel Vanbuckeloo

Pb Philip Ffoxleman } Pb Ca
Dd Mary Lucklous Admx. of Hugh Lucklous

Pb Gilbert Higginson } Pb & Pb Bond assigned
Samuel Dorsey

Pb. Dd Richd Bennett & James Hall } Dl 500 lbs Copy of the bills prayed
Pl John Hall Esq.

Pb Nathaniel Hynson } Dl 7354 lbs Cust
Vincent Hornsby

Pb. His Majesty } Dl 2000 lbs Sued at the request of John Hall Esq.
Ffp. Gm. Jacob Lockerman Exr of Adm. of James Edmondson who was Exr of John Edmondson

Pb. His Majesty } Dl 600 lbs Sued at Req. of Dd Lamphier
Mf Thomas Lingan

Pb His Lordship } Same Dl Sued at Same request
Mf Thomas Cockshutt

Pb His Majesty } Dl 100 lbs Sued on Jonathan's Navig. Bond
Ffp. Roger Woolford

Pb His Majesty } Dl 200000 lbs. Sued at request of Philip Lord
Dd Roger Woolford

Pb. Dd Pulham Miller Exr of Mich. Miller } Coownant
Dd John Woodall Admr Bonis

Pb. Daniel Philips } Dl 360 lbs
Dd John Kirkham

Ffp. Thomas Bordley } Dl 250 lbs
Dd John Coats

Pb. Thomas Bordley for his Lordship } Dl 200000 lbs. Sued at request of Philip Lord
Dd William Stone

Pb The Same } Same Dl Sued at Same request
Dd Daniel Jenifer Exr of Jno Rogers

Dd Job Mallows } Dl 90 lbs
Ffp. 10m Smith Dd Dl 10m Ffisher } Pb Bond assigned

Dd John Bradford Admr Thos Ingram } Dl 28000 lbs. Copy of Bond prayed
Ffp. Roger Boyes

Dd James Bowles } Dl 400 lbs Cust Copy of Bond Sent
Mf John Bowles

Dd The Same } Same Dl Sued at Same req.
Mf Thomas Lingan Exr of Edward Bowles

Dd The Same } Pb Ca Cust Copy Bond Sent
Mf John Bowles

Dd Mary Cloudsley Exx of Kenelm Cloudsley } Replevin
Pb George Forbes

Pb. Thomas Bordley } Pb Ca
Dd Benjamin Tasker

Dd John Mitchell Exor of Jacob Moreland } Ejectment
Pb Robert Holstein

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