Your Worships to Take it into your most Serious Consideration so that I may be righted & your Petitioner
as in Duty bound will ever pray

Whereupon it was Commanded unto the Sheriff of the County af: that he do Summon
the af: John Taylor if he should be found in his Bailywick that he should be & Appear before
the Justices of Dorchester County at Cambridge in the County af: there Immediately to Answer
unto the af: Petition of the af: Edward Dyson.

Whereupon the Sheriff of the County af: returneth that he hath summoned the af:
John Taylor that he should be & Appear before the Justices at the place af: According to the
Tenor & Diligence of the Writ af:

And thereupon came here into Court the af: John Taylor by Mich:
Howard his Att: & brought into Court here the following Affidavit & prayed the same here of Record
might be filed.

December the 18th 1730

These are to Certify whom it may Concerne that Mr. John Taylor of Dorchester County
in Maryland did on the 30th of August 1725 bought & Tyne a certain Man named Edward Dyson also
on the 10th of September following did buy & Tyne a certain man Named George Seal both which
Men I bought in being Transports for Seven Years & that both these men were sold to Mr. Taylor
for the whole time the Act of Parliament Directs from under my hand date above. Patrick Sympson

The within Named Patrick Sympson makes Oath that what is within Written is just & True
to the best of his Knowledge Sworne to before me this 23: Day of Octob: 1730.

Benj: Tasher

Whereupon all & singular the Premisses by the Court now here being seen & understood
this Considered by the same Court that the af: Edw: Dyson from the Service of the af: John
Taylor be set free & Discharged that the af: Edward Recover against the af: John: one
hundred Sixty five Pounds of Tobacco for his Cost & Charges which he hath Sustained by
by Reason of the Premisses af: unto the same Edw: by the Court now here of this Afore Adjudged:

And thereupon Mich: Howard Counsel for the s: Deft: produced an Affidavit of the s:
Deft: which follow: th in these Words. Whereas the undernamed John Taylor did Purchase
a certain Edward Dyson from Patrick Sympson of Ann Arundell County Merchant on or
About the thirtieth Day of August which was in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred
twenty & five & whereas also the s: Edward was Imported by the s: Patrick into this
Province on or About that time for the Terme of Seven Years the s: Edward being a
Convicted Felon as by the Affidavit of the s: Patrick hereunto Annexed is Manifest how
the s: John Taylor maketh Oath that he bought the s: Edw: from the s: Patrick for the s:
Term of Seven Years that the same Patrick Informed the s: John at the time of his Purchasing the
said Edward & that the same Edward was a Convicted Felon & had Seven Years to serve the s: John
Also maketh Oath that the s: Edward Dyson Told this Deponent that he the s: Edward was a Convicted
Felon & that the s: Patrick Told the s: John that Some Memorandum or Certificate of the s:
Edwards being a Felon Convict was Recorded in Annapolis. Sworne before me this 11th Day of
August 1734.

Thos: Woolford

John Taylor

And thereupon Prayed the Court that they would Discharge the Judgment
Rendered for the s: Plaint: Against the s: Deft: & Indulge the Deft: with Liberty until the
Next Court to bring Witnesses & a Transcript of Record to prove that the s: Edw: was a
(Felon)

Felon Convict & that he came from England to this Province for the Space of Seven Years on or about
the thirtieth Day of August Seventeen hundred twenty & five & that the s: Patrick Sold the s:
Maintiff to this Defendant for the Space of Seven Years which the Court Demyed but the af:
Affidavit of the said Defendant was Produced & the Prayer af: made the Day after the Judgment
af: was rendered & before a small Number of the same Justices through the Judgment af:
Neither the s: Defendant or his Counsel on his behalf did before Argument of the s: Cause
Allodge that they Could not Come to a hearing that Court for want of Evidence or any other matter
to Induce the Court to Indulge them with a Continuance of the s: Cause. And Thereupon the s:
Michal Howard Prayed that the Justices af: being in Court on Producing the s: Affidavit
might hear the same but Mess: Walter Campbell Thomas Ricks and Anthony Rowlings
Withdrew from the Bench & Stood near the Table in the Court House & would not hear
the Same Allodging that they would not Interfere in a Case to alter a Judgment which they
Did not render or Concern them selves with

Chas Goldsborough Clk

In testimony whereof the Seal of this County af: the tenth Day of October Anno
Domini 1734 is hereto Affixed by Chas Goldsborough Clk

And now here at this Day to wit the 19th Day of October Anno Domini 1734 Comes into his
Lordships Prov: Court here the s: John Taylor by Mich: Howard his Att: & Saith that there is not
a Sufficient Record in the Premisses Transmitted to this Court But that the Same is Diminished
& therefore Prays his Lordships Writ of Diminution may Issue Directed to the Justices of Dorches-
ter County af: to Transmit to this Court a full Record in the Premisses without any Diminutions &c
by the Court here is granted him & follows in these words.

Maryland ss. Charles Absolute Lord & Prop: of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon
Lord Baron of Bal: &c. To our Justices of our County Court of Dorchester Greeting. Whereas
in a certain Cause Between Edw: Dyson Complainant & John Taylor Defendant Lately
Depending before you wherein the s: John Taylor Obtained his Appeal from your Judgment
In the Cause aforesd: to the Justices of our Provincial Court in Pursuance of the Appeal af:
a Transcript of the Proceedings therein was Transmitted but for as much as the Justices
of our s: Prov: Court not being fully Satisfied that there is a Sufficient record Sent in the
Action aforesd: but the Record there of Diminished We therefore Command you that
Without Delay a full Transcript of the whole Proceedings therein you Cause to be Transmitted
to our Justices of Our Prov: Court to be holden at Annapolis the third Tuesday of April next
out Any Diminution whatsoever to the End Speedy Justice may be Done in the Premisses
According to Law whereof you are in no wise to fail & Send you then there this Writ
Witness Mathew Tilghman Ward Esq: Chief Justice of our Prov: Court the 20th Day of
October in the 17th year of our Dominion & Anno Domini 1734.

Rachel Denton Cl

(Mr Howard)

At which s: third Tuesday of April to wit the 18th Day of the same Month Anno Domini
1732 being the Day of the return of the foregoing writ Come again into his said Lordships Prov:
Court here the s: John Taylor by his Attorney af: & the said Edw: Dyson by William Beckingham his
(Attorney)