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Attorney & the Justices of Dorchester County Court &c. In pursuance of the Writ aforesd Transmit to the Justices of the Provincial Court here the following Record Viz.t

In the Records of Dorchester County is thus contained.

Dorchester County ss At a Court of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore held for Dorchester County at Cambridge in the Same County the Second Tuesday in June Anno Domini Seven teen hundred thirty & one by his said Lordships Justices the peace in the sd County to Conserve &c Assigned & Some were.

Present

Majr Henry Ennalls	Mr. John Hodson	Mr. Thomas Woolford
Mr. Chas. Nutter	Mr. Walter Campbell	And
Mr. Tobias Pollard	Mr. Anthony Rawlings	Mr. Hicks

Edwd. Dyson } Edward Dyson by Willm. Buckingham his Attorney Cometh in to Court there &
John Taylor } unto the Justices of the same Court this Certain Petition against John Taylor which Petition followeth in these Words. To the Worshipfull Justices of Dorchester County in Court Sitting the Humble petition of Edwd. Dyson most Humbly Showeth to your Worships that your Poor Petitioner was Sold to a certain John Taylor for five Years & no more the which Can Proove by Sufficient Evidence & Others that heard him the sd. John Taylor Confess the Same & my full Terme being out the twenty third Day of July last I Demanded my Freedome the which he Refused & Said I must Serve Seven Years More for your Poor Petitioner most humbly prays your Worships to take it into your most Serious Consideration so that I may be Righted & your Poor Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever Pray. Whereupon it was Commanded unto the Sheriff of the County aforesd that he Should Summon the sd. 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 sd County then Immediately to Answer unto the aforesd Petition of the aforesd Edward Dyson. Whereupon the Sheriff of the County aforesd Returneth that he hath Summoned the aforesd John Taylor that he Should be & Appear before the Justices aforesd at the Place aforesd According to the Exigence of the Writ aforesd And thereupon Came here into Court the aforesd John Taylor by Mich. Howard his Attorney & brought into Court here the following Affidavit & Prayed the Same here of Record might be filed 18th December 1730 These are to Certifie whome it may Concern that Mr. John Taylor of Dorchester County in Maryland did on the 30th of August 1725 by me a certain Man named Edward Dyson also on the 18th of September following did by me a certain man named George Seale both which Men I brought in bond 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 Dated above Pat. Sympson the word in Patrick Sympson makes Oath that what is within Written is Just & True to the best of his knowledge Sworn to before me this 28th Day of Octr 1730 Benj. Jasher

Whereupon all & Singular the Premisses by the Court now here being Seen & understood It is Considered by the Same Court that the Same Edward Dyson from the Service of the aforesd John Taylor be Sett free & Discharged & that the aforesd Edward Recover against the aforesd John one hundred & Sixty five Pounds of Tob.o for his Costs & Charges which he hath Sustained by Occasion of the Premisses aforesd unto the Same Edward by the Court now here of his Assent Adjudged And thereupon Mich. Howard of Counsell for the sd Defendant produced

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An Affidavit of the sd Defendant which followeth in these Words. Whereas the under Named John Taylor did purchase a certain Edward Dyson from Patrick Sympson of Anne Arundell County Merchant on or About the Thirteenth Day of August which was in the Year of our Lord God Seven teen hundred twenty & five & whereas also the sd Edward was Imported by the sd Patrick into this Province on or about that time for the Terme of Seven Years the Said Edward being a Convicted Felon as by the Affidavit of the sd Patrick hereunto Annexed is Manifest now the sd John Taylor Maketh Oath that he bought the sd Edward from the sd Patrick for the sd Terme of Seven Years that the sd Patrick Informed the sd John at the time of his Purchasing the sd Edward & that ye Same Edward was Convicted Felon & had Seven Years to Serve & the sd John also maketh Oath that the sd Edw.d Ston told to this Deponent that he the sd Edward was a Convicted Felon & that the Said Patrick told the sd John that Same memorandum or Certificate of the sd Edward being a Felon Convict was recorded in Annapolis Sworn before me this 11th Day of August 1731 Thomas Woolford & John Taylor & thereupon prayed the Court that they would Discharge the Judgment rendered for the Said Plaintiff against the sd Defendt & Indulge the Defendant with Liberty until the Next Court to bring Witnesses & a Transcript of a Record to Prove that the sd Edward was a Felon Convict & that he Came from England to this Province for the Space of Seven Years on or About the Thirteenth Day of August Seven teen hundred twenty & five & that the sd Patrick Sold the Said Plaintiff to the said Defendant for the Space of Seven Years which the Court Denyed but the aforesd Affidavit of the sd Defendant was Produced & the Prayer aforesd made the Day after the Judgment aforesd was rendered & before a Small Number of the Same Justices then gave the Judgment aforesd & Neither the sd Defendant or his Counsell on his behalfe did before Argument of the same cause alledge that they could not Come to Answer that Court for want of Witnesses or any other Matter to induce the Court to Indulge them with a Countenance of the sd Cause & Thereupon Thos. Mich. Howard Prayed that the Justices aforesd being in Court on Producing the sd Affidavit which might have the same but Messrs. Walter Campbell Thomas Hicks & Anthony Rawlings with Drew from the bench & Stood Near the Table in the Court House & would not hear the same alledging that they would not Interfere in a Cause to Alter Adjudgment which they did not Understand or Concern themselves with.

And thereupon the aforesd John Taylor Demands an Appeal to the Provincial Court & Produces the following bond of Appeal which by the Court now here is allowed Know all men by these Presents that we John Taylor Henry Trippe and Mich.l Howard do hold our Selves to be firmly bound unto the sd Edw.d Dyson in the Sum of two thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be paid to the sd Edw.d Dyson his Exec.rs Adm.rs or Assigns to which Payment well & truely to be made we bind our Selves & Every one of them Jointly by themselves by our Selves for the whole & in the whole our Heirs Exec.rs & Adm.rs & Every of them firmly by these Presents Sealed w.t our Seals Dated this 1st Day of June 1731 whereas the Justices of Dorchester County Court on the Petition of Edw.d Dyson a.st Thos. John Taylor did Discharge the sd Edward from the Service of the sd John Taylor & Adjudged that the sd John Taylor Should pay unto the sd Edw.d the Sum of one hundred & Sixty five Pounds of Tobacco for his Costs & Charges on the sd Petition & whereas also the sd John Taylor hath Appealed from the Judgment of the Said Justices to the Honble the Justices of this Prov.l Court Now the Condition of the sd Obligation is Such that if the sd John Taylor Shall not Pursue the Directions of the Act of Assembly

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