James Gordon & others vs Leonard Bett

Be it remembered, that on the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by, William Cooke their attorney, sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Venditioni Exponas, in the words and of the tenor following; that is to say, The State of Maryland, ss. To Benjamin White Jones late Sheriff of Montgomery County, Greeting. Whereas command was heretofore given you, that of the goods and chattels, Lands and Tenements of Leonard Bett late of Montgomery County Planter otherwise called Leonard Bett of Montgomery County and State of Maryland Planter being in your bailiwick, you should cause to be made as well the sum of two hundred and forty seven pounds seven shillings and four pence current money a certain Debt as the sum of seven hundred and eleven pounds of Tobacco, costs of suit, and that you should have those sums before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October then next, to render unto a certain James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram the debt and costs of suit aforesaid, whereof the said Leonard Bett was convict, on which the said second Tuesday of October in the year of our lord seventeen hundred and ninety one you made return thereof to our Judges, that by virtue of the aforesaid writ, to you directed, you made and levied one negro woman named Rose, to satisfy the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junr. Alexander Lowe and William Ingram, Damages and costs therein mentioned, all which premises were in your hands for want of Buyers, so that the Debt Damages and costs aforesaid you could not have as you were by our said writ commanded, but for that the said negro woman named Rose so as aforesaid made, remains unsold for want of Buyers, as by the return aforesaid appears; Therefore we command you that the said Negro woman named Rose so as aforesaid made, you expose to sale, and the money and Tobacco thereof arising you have before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to satisfy the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junr. Alexander Low and William Ingram the Debt Damages and costs aforesaid and all such cost as hath accrued unto the said James Gordon Henry

Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junr. Alexr. Low & Wm. Ingram on the Writ of Fieri Facias aforesaid; and how you shall execute this Writ, that you make known unto our said Judges at the day and place aforesaid, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court, the 19th day of November Anno Domini 1792.

Issued the 16th day of March 1793 (W Cooke) Jno. Gwinn Clk.

On the back of the aforegoing was thus endorsed to wit.

Debt £247. 7. 4 Curr.t Money. Cost. 711 lb. Tob.o and Cost. 146 lb. Tob.o

To be released on payment of £123. 13. 8 current money with Interest from the 1st July 1787. and costs.

The Plaintiffs acknowledges satisfaction for £45. 15. 0 current money which negro Fanny and Isaac were sold for.

And now at this day; that is to say, the said second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the said Month, in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety Three, comes the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junr. Alexander Low & William Ingram by their said attorney, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return of the writ aforesaid thus endorsed: that is to say, "Not Sold" B. W. Jones late Sheriff."

Test. John Gwinn Clk.

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