To the Honorable the Justices of the Prov.l Court

The humble petition of William Barnes —

Humbly Sheweth

That your Pet.r Came into this province in June 1714 with Mr Warnel Hunt and lived with him till the November following At w.ch time he delivered of Your Pet.r to Mr John Navarro of this City Innholder in whose Employment Your Pet.r hath served the remaining part of the time he had Contracted & Serve their Warnell Hunt in England being four years And Your Pet.r having given his Indentures to his Said Master and he denying them to Your Pet.r he is not able to prove the time therein mentioned Otherwise than by Witnesses —

Wherefore Your Pet.r most humbly prays Your Honours will be pleased to examine Sing Witnesses, and to discharge him from his s.d Masters service And order his Said Master to pay him his freedom dues According to Law —

And Your Pet.r as in duty bound will Pray

Which being read and heard It is Ordered that Summons issue ag.st the said Jno Navarr to appear and answer the pet.rs Complaint and return able Immediately, Upon which Issued Accordingly offic.r Summons the Shern of Linn.s County to whom the same was directed makes return thereon Endorst — Sornoned Benj Easter Shern

Whereupon the s.d John Navarro being called appear and Whereupon the Allegations as well of the said Wm Barnes as of the said John Navarro being fully heard and the Evidences of both parties being Examined And Mature deliberation being thereupon had — It is Considered by the Justices here the 15.th day of July Anno Dom 1718 That the said Wm Barnes be free from the service of the s.d John Navarro and that the s.d John Navarro pay unto him the s.d Wm Barnes his freedom dues According to Law, And also it is Considered by the Justices here the same day and year last mentioned That the said John Navarro pay the Severall Officers fees Accruing due by Occasion of the premises ad L

Proclamation being made in the usual formes and out of the Severall Grand Jurors that were Summoned and returned by the Shern.s of the Severall Countys to serve this Court that were called appear as follows Viz.t —

James Morell foreman

John Hammond
Christ.r Rosdale
John Burroughs
Samuel Mulloy
Benj.a Berry
Jno Read
Charles Nicholson
Wm Skinner —

Christ.r Duggermand
Thos Hammond
Thos Eulestone
Charles Thompson
Henry Barnes
John Chandler
Richard Cooper
James Dawson

Thomas Browning
John Copping —
Joseph Rocke
John Cloves
Carpenter Sillingston
Ambrose King

Who

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Who being sworn no Charge and sent out to Consider &c, Soon after returned to the barr and present to the Court the following Indictments by them found being Contest that the Court shall alter Matter of Forme altering no Matter of substance therein — Viz.t — Two Indictm.ts ag.st Roger Boyce — Three Indictm.ts ag.st Wm Vernon — Three Indictm.ts ag.st Ephraim Vernon, One Indictm.t ag.st Dan.l Griffith — One Indictm.t ag.st Thos Mamomara Sen.r — One Indictm.t ag.st Negro Mingo Son to Nich.s Ridgley — And Thereupon the said Grand Jurors are discharged and ordered to be allowed the Sume of three thousand pounds of Tobacco for their Service this Court to be paid by the Publick — And it is Ordered that Capt Jno Jones ag.st the aff.d Roger Boyce, Ephraim Vernon, Thos Mamomara Sen.r Recognize the next Court

Dan.l Thomas Cornd Sworn to the Grand Jury on the two bills of Indictments ag.st Roger Boyce

Robert Wooler Thomas Sanders and Mary Munger make Oath to one day attendance Each as Evidences for Wm Barnes against John Navarro which Comes to fifty p.ds of tob.o to Each of them —

To the Honble the Justices of the Prov.l Court

The Humble petition of Wm Rayner —

Humbly Sheweth That on or about the Year of our Lord 1714 Your Pet.r did Condescend that One Stephen Hemperson of Kent Island should have your Pet.rs Son Jacob Rayne untill he should Arrive to the Age of Twenty One Years Inconsideration that the said Stephen should w.th all Due Tender usage bring up and maintain the said Boy untill Capable to Handle Coopers and Carpenters tools and then bring up and Instruct him the said Boy in the said trades to the best of his Skill art and Cunning —

That the said Stephen Since the death of his wife (a good Natured and tender woman to Your Pet.rs Son) has given a jurisdiction over his family to a House keeper who most unmercifully treats Your Pet.rs son to Such a degree of Hardship as well from the said Stephen Hemperson and his said House keeper will Offer Violence to himself —

Wherefore your pet.r most humbly prays your Honours will be pleased to Empower him to take the said Son from the said Hemperson in order to binding out to some trade whereby he may in time to Come subsist, and in the mean time to be Clear of the Barbarous usage he now suffers

And Your Pet.r as in duty bound will pray —

Which being read and heard the Pet.r is referred to the Justices of the County Court where the aff.d Rentice Lies

(John)