

payment of two thousand pounds of Tobacco, which is not only  
 contrary to an Act of Parliament in such case made, and contract  
 aforesaid, but also much to the grievance of your Petitioners /  
 Your Petitioners finding themselves aggrieved and injured without  
 their relief by your Honors. And for the most humbly supplicants  
 your Honors. And for precept to issue to the Sheriff of Kent County to  
 summon the said Henry Stapled there by commanding him under a  
 certain penalty to be and appear before your Honors. on a certain  
 day to be by your Honors. prescribed to answer the premises, that for  
 upon your Honors. further hearing the whole matter, your Petitioners  
 may be (out of your honorable goodness) relieved therein, your  
 Petitioners being always ready to pay or secure to be paid the Tobacco  
 for their passage as aforesaid, according to agreement aforesaid,  
 which may amount to three thousand pounds of Tobacco or  
 thereabouts, or at such other rate as to your Honors. may seem  
 good, and also that the said Henry Stapled may be by your Honors.  
 obliged forthwith to discharge your Petitioners said Tom James  
 from his kind of servitude, and at the said Stapled his charge  
 to be transported into this Province, and delivered in Maryland  
 according to the said Stapled contract and agreement made in  
 Ireland aforesaid, And that your Petitioners wife and other child  
 may be discharged as aforesaid.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray &c.

whereupon issued the following precept to the Sheriff of Kent County (viz.)

By the Hon. the <sup>ble</sup> Council

Maryland

Stapled Henry }  
 James to app }  
 at Kent County Court

Upon the Complaint of Abraham Gale of Somerset County  
 against One Henry Stapled for betraying the wife & children  
 of the said Abraham, and disposing of them in Virginia  
 notwithstanding the agreement made between the said  
 Stapled and the said Gale's wife, was to transport them  
 into this Province, and their disposal of them upon certain  
 bargain between them concluded on —  
 His are therefore in the name of the R. Hon. the Lord Prop.  
 to will and require you Edward Swettenham high Sheriff of Kent  
 County, immediately upon sight hereof to summons the said Henry  
 Stapled, and the wife of the said Gale, that all & parties first  
 apart they be and personally appear before his worshipfull  
 the Commissioned of the County Court of Calvert County at the first  
 day of the next County Court to be holden for the said County —  
 then