

1794-018 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY  
CHANCERY PAPERS

McKENNY vs. KELLO et ux.

8/ 1794

Other surnames: Kellow,  
McKinney

McKenney }  
Kille Elly } J. J. Kille

Aug. 1794 dim? no  
furs.

To the worshipping court of the county of Southampton  
sitting in chancery,

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships  
Your orator Moses McKenny of this county That about  
the Day of January in the year of our lord one  
thousand seven hundred and twenty eight he hired a  
Negro fellow named ~~of~~ William Kelso and  
his wife for the term of one year then next  
following for whose hire your orator agreed to pay the  
sum of twenty five pounds and accordingly gave him  
bond payable in twelve months for the said sum That  
your orator according to his agreement received the said  
fellow ~~into~~ and set him to work with ~~his~~ other slaves  
That soon after the said Negro came into your orator's  
family he behaved himself in a very impudent and  
refractory manner so that your orator was frequently  
obliged to chide and threaten the said slave in case  
of his persisting in such undutiful conduct <sup>whereupon he</sup> ~~and~~  
declared to your orator that no man should whip him  
that he was as good a man as another and would  
suffer no correction from your orator Your orator  
further sheweth that such behavior he could not put  
up with and accordingly ~~he~~ was determined to give the  
said Negro such correction as he thought he merited  
whereupon the said fellow enclosed with your orator  
in the presence of his wife and family and had it  
not been for the assistance he received from his wife he  
must have been overcome by the said  
That in consequence of your orator being assisted by  
his wife the said slave quitted his hold of your

of your orator and made his escape threatening at the  
same time the life of your orator wife should never  
have it in his power That some time afterwards  
The said slave was brought home and your orator  
gave him a severe whipping but in your orator opinion  
most of what he deserved expecting that the fellow  
afterwards would have behaved himself better That  
on being ordered to his business instead of obeying  
he ran away and ~~he~~ went to the said William  
Kelto & his wife who harbored and entertained  
him for the space of months as your orator  
hath been informed and hath good reason to believe  
to be true Your orator farther sheweth that he hath  
always been willing to pay the said William Kelto  
& his wife for the time the said slave was hired by  
your orator making a deduction for the time the  
fellow was harbored by the said William Kelto & his  
wife at the rate of twenty five pounds for the year  
But so it is may it please your worships that the  
said William Kelto & his wife have prosecuted an  
action at law agt your orator for the whole sum of  
twenty five pounds & intent & absolutely refuses to make  
the deduction aforesaid and hath obtained the Jud. of  
this court for the same In tender consideration where  
of and for that your ~~orator~~ orator is remedied  
in the premises by the strict rules of the common  
law and only releuable in this worshipful court  
where matters of this nature are properly cognizable

To the end therefore that the said William Kelto may  
upon his corporal oath give true and perfect answer  
make to all and singular the allegations herein before  
set forth as fully and particularly as if the same  
were herein again repeated & interrogated and  
that the said William Kelto & his wife may  
be enjoined from taking any execution against  
your orator until the deduction be made as aforesaid  
together with the costs and charges of this injunction  
May it please your worships &c

The sum paid for the  
 one British

W Kelton & wife  
 17  
 M Kenney  
 4 Stairs  
 Sep. 1782  
 Imp.

Aug 1783 paym. to  
 June Cont.

Nov 1786

Ward & Co for  
 self & Imp.

May 1791

mot for depositions  
 of Imp. in June

Wm. Hutton  
 & wife  
 vs.  
 Joseph Hutton

Dr. J. Hutton & Co

The Commonwealth of Virginia

**G**EORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of GREAT BRITAIN,  
FRANCE, and IRELAND, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. to the  
Sheriff of Southampton County, greeting: We command you  
that you take *Moses McHenry & Joshua Harris*

if he be found within your Balliwick, and him safely keep, so that  
you have his Body before the Justices of our said County Court, at the  
Courthouse of the said County, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Thursday in August next  
to answer *William Hellow and Pridley his wife* of a plea  
of Debt for twenty five pounds & interest & damage  
of one hundred pounds

and have then there this Writ. Witness *Sam Hellow*  
Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse aforesaid, the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Day of *July* in the 4<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign.

*Sam Hellow*

29th March 1846  
 Henry Taylor for Value recd of  
 him £ Clara Miller Taylor

Refused to accept  
 Henry Taylor

Kellow &  
 McKenney  
 Bond.

or return

McKenney  
 Bill  
 £ 25 0 0

|     |
|-----|
| 50  |
| 25  |
| 15  |
| 71  |
| 191 |
| 60  |
| 50  |
| 291 |

~~The Henry Taylor~~  
~~McKenney~~  
 No. 100 Quay Street for the  
 sum of £ 25 to be collected by the

McKenney  
 25th

We Moses Atkin & Joshua Harris do promise to pay Eliza  
Ridley Taylor or her Assigns the Just Sum of twenty five pounds  
Current Money on or before I mas next it being for Value recd  
of her Towhich payment well & truly to be made We bind our  
selves and each of us our Heirs and each of them jointly

As Witness our hands & Seals this first Day of January

1778

Moses Atkin

Witness

Henry Taylor

Joshua Harris