

Conrad Vorfleit Arthur Foster William Turner & Dishaw Crookes who
being elected his and sworn the truth to speak upon the isted joins upon
their oath do say that the defendant is not guilty in manner and form
as against him in the said indictment is alleged & ~~therefore~~ therefore it is
considered by the court that the said defendant go thereof hence without
day &c

The contestation concerning a writing purporting the last will & testament
of James Brookes was this day fully heard on consideration whereof
it is the opinion of the court the said writing is not the last will
& testament of the said James Brookes it appearing to the court
that the said Brookes was a slave at the time of the making the
same & the property of one James Brookes the plaintiff in this case

On the motion of Samuel Kinross a witness for James Brookes on
the contestation of the last will & testament of one James Brookes
it is ordered that the said Brookes pay him two hundred pounds
of Tobacco for eight days attendance on this court according to
law

On the motion of James Brookes the bill of sale from John Buckner with
the certificates of Richard Ambler John Gibbons Young Moul and
Charles Hansford are ordered to be recorded Viz. Know all men by these
presents that I John Buckner of York County have sold and delivered
unto James Brooks j^r one man slave named James Brookes to have
and to hold the said slave to him the said James Brooks j^r & his
heirs for ever witness my hand this 9th day of march 1773 John
Buckner — test. Robert Borvis, Jones Irwin. — We

Richard Ambler of York town march 1st & John Gibbons of the same
place ~~Witness~~ do severally make oath that the bill of sale now
produced before us by James Brookes dated march the 9th 1733
and signed John Buckner witnessed by Robert Borvis & Jones Irwin
is as we verily believe the hand writing of the said Buckner, Borvis
and Irwin. Rich^d Ambler. John Gibbons. Sworn to before me
at York town May 3rd 1759. Edward Ambler = "This is to
certify whom it may concern that James Brookes son of Muttattoe was
once a slave to Major John Buckner of York County & was purchased
by his son James Brookes in this manner He gave a negroe slave
named David for the said Brookes his father & that it was known
by the neighbours that the said David properly belonged to the said James
Brookes j^r as witness my hand this 4th day of May 1759 Young
Moulans = = = = This is to certify that I once knew a mulattoe called
Tommy Brookes that lived as a servant or slave with Mr. John Buckner
of York town and the said Muttattoe left these parts & was said that he
was so freed by his son this is a truth certified by me who am
seventy odd years of age — Charles Hansford senior