

and as to any other Tresspass the ~~Plt~~ Def^s
protesting against the false colouring of their ~~Plts~~
& say they are not guilty in manner & form as
in their declaration
the Plt^s have alleg'd & have put themselves
on the Court —

Larrabee } for Defendants
& Gilbert.

The Plaintiff replies to the Plea of the Def^t and says that
the S^r Samuel Pettes some time in year 1775 absconded
from this State and voluntarily put himself under the
Protection of the Army of the King of Great Britain then Invoading
the United States and left his family to take care of themselves
& now has returned ^{into this State} and thereby his own act relinquish'd all right to the Plaintiff
as his property and afterwards by on ~~about~~ the 26th day of
July 1784 ^{to the Plt} did by his Letter to liberate & discharge him from all
right he had to the Plaintiff as his property, and the Plaintiff

further says, mesles his family and children were born
since the S^r Samuel absconded himself and two of them
since the first day of March 1784 and the Plaintiff
further says that he ought not to be Man of S^r action
without that the Def^t.

John S. Munnick
also vs

Dear Father
John & Hannah
Capt. of Blount's

Dear Father
John & Hannah
Capt. of Blount's
Regiment

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the fourth Tuesday of March 1790 which
is allowed — and Luke Hyde of Norwich and
Jeremiah Halsey of Chester both in New London
County recognized themselves bound jointly
and severally to the said John Mann and
Nathan Mann in the Penal Sum of twenty
Pounds lawful Money to be forfeited and
paid by the said Hyde and Peters to the
said Jonathan Mann and Nathaniel Mann if
the said Jesse Peters Appellant shall fail
to prosecute his said Appeal to effect and
pay all Damages if he make not his Plea
good

True Copy of Record from the original
Minutes made in Court
Certified P^r Wm Patton all Clerk

Duty Six Shillings lawful Money is
received on this Appeal
P^r Wm Patton all Clerk

Superior Court March Term 1790
now the Plaintiff ^{charging} in like manner puts
himself with ~~an~~ ~~and~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~plaintiff~~
the Country Halsey & for Plaintiff
Hyde

New London County & adjourned County
Court at Norwich December first Tuesday Anno
Domini 1709 —

Cesar Peters late of Hebron in Holland
County now of Colchester in New London County
Plaintiff versus John Mann and Nathan
Mann both of Hebron aforesaid In a Plea
of the Case demanding £2000 as of that dated
the 15th of November 1709 — And now Jeremiah
Haley of Proton in New London County
and Elisha Hyde of Norwich in said County
recognized themselves ~~to be~~ jointly and
severally to the said ~~Cesar Peters~~ ^{John Mann and Nathan Mann} in the
Personal Sum of twenty Pounds lawful Money
to be forfeited and paid by the said Haley
and Hyde to the said John Mann and
Nathan Mann if the said Cesar Peters
Plaintiff shall fail to prosecute his said
Action to effect and pay all Damages if
he fail therein —

The Defendants severally defended
and say they are not guilty — The Plain-
tiff demurs to the Defendants Plea and
the Court are of Opinion that the Plea
of the Defendants is sufficient thereupon
it is considered that the Defendants
recover of the Plaintiff his Cost taxed
at £ . . . — The Plaintiff made his
Motion for an Appeal to the Supream Court
to be holden at Norwich in and for the County
of New London on the Tuesday next following
the

lawful attorney and for the recovery thereof
with just cost the Plaintiff brings this Suit
Hereof fail not but of this Writ with
your doings thereon make due return
according to Law

Dated at Norwich
the 11 Day of November A. D. 1789

Two Shillings Duty received certified
and signed of Samuel Huntington Governor

Essex County November 14
A. D. 1789

Then I read this Writ in the hearing
of the within Names John Man and Nathaniel
Man Esq. and David Sutton Constable

The Defendants severally defend plead
and say that they are not guilty in manner
and form as the Plaintiff in his Declaration
hath alleged and thereof put themselves
on the Country — Gilbert D. } for the Defendants
Carabee }

The Plaintiff replies to the Plea of the Defen-
dants pleaded and says that the same are
 Matters therein contained are insufficient in
the Law Judgment — Halcy } for the Plaintiff
Hyde }

The Defendants say their Plea is sufficient
Gilbert D. } for Defendants
Carabee }

Forgoing is a true copy from the original
Files of Court Examined of Wm. Haltonstat Clerk

excited by a Number of the good Citizens of
this State who being religiously moved
by a Spirit of Benevolence and Philanthropy
and strongly impressed with a Pious and
laudable Zeal for the support of the Rights of
Mankind voluntarily pursued overtook
and nobly rescued from the Hands of sordid
Avarice and cruel and impious injustice
villany and wickedness the Plaintiff and
his unhappy Family and once more gave
them to taste the Sweets of Liberty without
which life itself is irksome and insipid
altho by the cruel Treatment Irons Shackles &
of the Defendants the Plaintiff and his
Family had received many grievous
and insupportable Wounds and Bruises
by means of which their lives were in
jeopardy and actually despaired of for
a long time after and the Plaintiff was
moreover deprived of much Property and
many valuable Articles to the amount
of fifty Pounds lawful money and other
Injuries and Inconveniences they the Defendants
then and there did and committed to the
Plaintiff by all of which doings of the
Defendants in manner and form aforesaid
the Plaintiff is injured and hath sustained
Damage the Sum of two thousand Pounds
lawful

pose did then and there ^{by force} without law or
right break into the Plaintiffs Dwellinghouse
and by Force and Violence with the Weapons
afore said seize and kidnap the Plaintiff and
his Wife and Children and forcibly put them
all in Irons and immediately loaded them
into a Wagon and drove them the Plaintiff
and his Wife and Children with great Speed
towards the Sea Shore where the Defendants
then had a Vessel waiting to receive the Plain-
tiff and his Family for the purpose of trans-
porting them to some foreign Country and
there to be disposed of as Slaves for life to
some of the barbarous Nations aforesaid and
they the Defendants and others as afore said
in fact hold falsely Imprison and convey
the Plaintiff and his Family in the Night
Season from said Hebron to the Town of Proctor
and within one Mile of the Waters of the
Sea where said Vessel was waiting to receive
the Plaintiff and his Family for the wicked
purpose aforesaid during the whole Time
aforesaid the Defendants threatened the Plain-
tiff and Family with instant Death in case
of any Resistance or Alarm given by them
in which Situation the Plaintiff and his Family
were holden and continued until to their ~~great~~
unspeakable joy at Proctor aforesaid they were
overtaken

When the Brutal Creations and the Defen-
dants being moved by the Avarice of
their own wicked Hearts and thereby
hoping to possess themselves of ^{the} shining
Dust which might be the avails of the
Price of the Blood of the Plaintiff and his
Wife and Children they the Defendants
did in said Lisbon on or about the
said twenty fifth Day of September A.D.
1707 conspire together with a Number
of others to the Plaintiff unknown for
the wicked purpose of kidnaping and
secretly carrying away the Plaintiff
and his Wife and Children to some
foreign and barbarous Country
there to dispose of the Plaintiff and his
Wife and Children to those barbarous
Nations as Slaves for life where the
lives of the Plaintiff and his Wife and
Children might be taken away by the
Will of a cruel Master with impunity
and having so conspired together as
aforesaid they the Defendants and
others unknown to the number of
Eight then and there armed themselves
with Swords and loaded Pistols and
other Weapons of Terror Danger and Death
and in pursuance of said wicked pur-
pose

To the Sheriff of the County of Sullivan his Deputy
in the office of the Justices of the Peace of the Town of Hebron
within said County - Greeting

By Authority of the State of Connecticut you
are hereby ~~commanded~~ ~~to~~ ~~summon~~ ~~John~~ ~~Steele~~
~~and~~ ~~John~~ ~~Steele~~ ~~and~~ ~~John~~ ~~Steele~~ ~~to~~
appear before the adjourned Court of Common
Pleas to be holden at Norwich within and for
the County of New London on the first Tuesday
of December next then and there to answer
unto your Peters sake of said Hebron now
of Colchester in the County of New London of ac-
sake in a Plea of the Case whereupon the
Plaintiff declares and says that on or about
the 25 Day of September A.D. 1787 he the Plain-
tiff was in said Hebron in his own Dwelling
House with his Wife and eight Children all
Minors under the Age of Twenty One Years
and all at Peace with all the good Citizens
of this State and about his lawful Privileges
being intitled to Liberty and the Protection
of the Laws of this State as a Citizen thereof
altho the Plaintiff and his Wife and Children
were of the Complexion of the Inhabitants
and Natives of Africa who have been by
sundry of the more Barbarous European
Nations considered as Slaves and they
them are bought and sold as Merchandise
where their Lives are no more protected
than

County of New London p. Norwich Sup. Court
March Term 1790

Caesar Peters &c }
Ex. or } Action upon the Case
John Maunt }

Now the Defend^t in Court charging severally defend
Plead and say, that the P^{ts} of having & maintaining
their ^d action ought to be Barred, because they say that
long before & until the 21st day of October 1772 the P^{ts}
were the legal property of, and ^{slaves for life} ~~fully~~ belong to, one
Mary Peters a sole feme then of ^d Hebron & in full
life and the ^d Mary on ^d 21st day of Oct. 1772
for a large & valuable consideration made over sold &
delivered them the P^{ts}, ^{as she had right to do} to one Samuel Peters then of ^d
Hebron but now of the City of London in the Kingdom
of Great Britain as & for ^{slaves for life} to him the
^d Peters who received them as such and continued them
in his lawful profession & service until on or about
the 24th day of Sept. 1787 ~~and~~ when the ^d Nath. Mann
one of the Def^t ~~is~~ by virtue of a legal Power of
attorney ~~him~~ under the hand & seal of the ^d
Peters & dated in London afores^d on the 24th day ^{of Oct.}
1786 him therunto empowering ^{on ^d 24th of Sep^r 1787} ~~sell & dispose~~
of the P^{ts} & his ^d family excepting two of their
youngest Children unto one David Prior of ^d
Lebanon in the County of Wndham who received
them into his possession in ^d Hebron & the P^{ts} & their
Children rode out of ^d Town in a good waggon & whether
Prior carry^d them near the deep waters of the ^{great} Sea in Preston
is unknown to the ^{Defend^t} and the Def^t say that the afores^d
sale to ^d Prior is the same ^{Defend^t} complained of ^{in the}
^{Defend^t} ^{Defend^t} ^{ready to satisfy}
^{judgment &c}