

YORK ff.

The Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS :

To the Sheriff of Our County of *York*

his Under-Sheriff or Deputy,
Greeting.

WE command you to attach the Goods or Estate of *John Underwood of*
Whitting in the County of York

to the Value of *Thirty* Pounds, and for want thereof to take the Body
of the said *John Underwood* (if he may be found in your Precinct)
and him safely keep, so that you have him before our Justices of our Court of
Common Pleas next, to be holden at *York* within and for our said
County of *York*, on the *second* Tuesday of *April* next; then and there
in our said Court to answer unto

John Forth of Whitting aforesaid
morinour in a plea of the case for that whereas the said
John Underwood on the 20th day of February 1785 aforesaid
aforesaid being justly indebted to the said John Forth for the several
articles mentioned in the annexed amount there before that
time and being so indebted in consideration thereof he the
said Underwood then and there promised the said Forth to pay
him that sum on demand yet the said Underwood the day
to day said sum has not done it and also for that whereas
the said Underwood on the same day & year aforesaid at
Whitting aforesaid was indebted to the said Forth for the service
and labour and articles as charged in the annexed amount
other done & performed before that time by the said Forth at
the said Underwood's special request and request and being
so indebted in consideration thereof he the said Underwood
then and there promised the said Forth to pay him so
much money on demand as the said Underwood should
reasonably deserve and that he reasonably deserved

Forth saith that the said service and labour given and performed
as aforesaid and the goods and merchandize as mentioned in the
annexed amount are reasonably worth and that he reasonably
deserved to have thereof the other sum of Twenty Two Pounds
five shillings lawful money of all which the said Under
wood then and there had notice yet the said Underwood hath
not paid said sum nor mentioned sum nor report thereof
the offer requested but neglects and refuses to day the same

To the Damage of the said *John Forth as he saith*
the Sum of *Thirty* Pounds, which shall then and there be made
to appear, with other due Damages. And have you there this Writ, with your
Doings therein. Witness *Samuel Moulton* Esq; at York, this *ninth*
Day of *March* in the Year of our Lord, 1785

H. N. Barker Clerk

York March 25th 1785 Pursuant to this writ to me
Directed I have attached a copy of the within name
John Underwood Value one shilling at the same
time gave him as summons as the Law directs

Attest Simon Ferguson Esq Sheriff

1731
March 25th 1785
John Underwood

Travel 8 miles 1.4
Service 1.4
2.8

John Underwood

YORK ff. To Edward Webber Schoolmaster James Mearns well Gardner
William Dearing Jun^r Gent^l all of Shillney & Mark Lord of Berwick
Greeter in the county of York - GREETING.

IN THE NAME of the Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS, you are
required to make your appearance before the Justices of the Court of
Common-Pleas, to be held at York within and
for the county of York, on the second Tuesday of April inst^t to give
evidence of what you know relating to an action or plea of *the case*
then and there to be heard and tried betwixt *John Proctor of Shillney in County*
Mariner Plaintiff, and *John Hall of Shillney for & Mariner* Defendant.

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your default under the pains and
penalties of the law in that behalf made and provided.

Dated at York, the *Eleventh* day of *April* - Anno Domini, 1785.

J. P. Barker Clerk

I have traveled Miles out & home & attended day

I have attended two days

Edw. Webber

I have attended two days James Harwell

York & Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

At a Court of Common Pleas begun and held at
York withⁱⁿ & for the county of York on the second Tuesday
of April being the 12th day of said Month & by adjourn-
ments to the 24th day of May following. Anno Domini
1785—

John Trott of Hittory in said County Mariner Pl^t
against John Underwood of said Hittory Mariner Def^t
in a plea of the ^{as by the writ} case, the Parties agree to refer this cause
& all demands in dispute between them to the hearing
& determination of Mess^{rs} Joseph Gorrick & William
Lewis & Cap^t Richard Cutts, the reports of whom or
any two of whom being made to this Court as soon as
may be, judgment of said Court being entered thereon
to be final & conclusive between said parties, and if either
of the parties after due notice given neglect to appear the
Referees may proceed ex parte Attest J. M. Baullet Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Rule of Courts we have
met and heard the Parties and their Evidence
Relative to the Matter to us submitted and after
mature Consideration thereof find two Shillings
and six Pence Damages against the Defendant
and Costs & expenses cost 2. 0. 6

Hittory June 27th 1785

Joseph Gorrick
William Lewis
Richard Cutts
Referees

2. 6 Damage
1. 8 cost

1/800000

Rule

1/2

W. C. C.

W. C. C.

Know all Men by these Presents that I John Underwood
of Kittery Mariners Do hereby nominate and Impower John
Trott of Kittery aforesaid Mariner, to apprehend the Body
of a Certain Negro Man Called Boston which I Negro is
my property and hath absconded himself from my
service ~~hereby Deserving the~~ And I do hereby
Indemnify the Said Trott from all Damages that may happen
in his Executing the Said Business Giving under my
hand this 20th day of May 1777 John Underwood

at ~~Sept~~^{July} Term Court Common pleas
1785 John Frost Plaintiff vs John Henderson

Deft. _____

Plaintiff's cost

Writ de _____	0. 8. 0
Service _____	0. 2. 8
Entry Act. ^r at App ^e _____	0. 9. 0
Copy writ rule de _____	0. 4. 4
Subpoena _____	0. 0. 6
to summon 9 lieo. witnesses	0. 2. 0
attendance of ^{ex.} witnesses before	0. 12. 0
referees two days each @ 3/4	
Plaintiff's travel at App ^e _____	1. 6
Attended 2 days _____	3. 0
to 1 day Att ^e before referees _____	1. 6
cost of referees _____	2. 0. 6

4. 5. 0

Examined by J. H. Prall Clerk

^{Cost}
~~An Award of the Expenses~~ of the Referees Who Decided
The Case between John Trott Plaintiff and John
Underwood Defendant - in which ~~the Subscribers~~
Was ~~the~~ ^{commenced} April 1885.

Viz^d To ~~the~~ ^{the} Sitting, Travel and
Expenses in Enterring the Rule to
as Directed ————— } L. 0-6
200-6

Received the Above from the said
Plaintiff

Joseph Genish
Richd Cutts

D^r Capt. John Underwood

L^d 50

1772

March to going on Board his Sloop in Distress and
getting her into the Harbour in Safety — } 2.. 0.. 0

May 20th To apprehending his Negro by Virtue of his
Power and Expenses with another Man in
Watching S^r Negro ————— } 6.. 0.. 0

To a handkerchief for S^r Negro by his request 0.. 8.. 0

To a Cap to D^r ————— 0.. 3.. 0

To 77 days Work done by my Wife in the year

1777 & 1778 and 1779 & 1/2 day ——— } 3.. 10.. 6

1701 To 2 y^d Broad Cloth from Mr. Lorde & 400^d
and when D^r was 75 for one in Lawf^r } 4.. 0.. 0

2 y^d Sargenim & 27 y^d ————— 3.. 7.. 6

Settled Febry 25th 1705

L^d 7 22 " 5 " 0

Errors Excepted

Jⁿ Frost

Wendover, Aust

The Deposition of Philip Hubbard of lawful age, testifies and says, that he the Deponant (some time in the month of May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, was at the house of Cap^t. John Underwood in Thittery, and that said Underwood desired him to go after his Negro Boston and bring him home, and he the Deponant went accordingly after said Negro, and that M^r. John Trott went with him, and that they found said Negro a catching Plaice in the creek opposite to Cutts's Island, and that said Negro came ashore to them on their calling him, and that said Trott took hold of the Float that said Negro came ashore in, and haled her up to highwater mark, and the Negro asked us why we haled up the float, and I told said Negro his master sent for him, and he must go to him, and that said negro laid down his plaice spear and went up to Cap^t. Underwood, and said Underwood immediately sent said Negro on board a Privateer that lay in the harbour; and that he the Deponant and said Trott were about three or four hours from the time they set out after said Negro till they brought him to said Underwood, and that said Negro made no resistance, and that he the deponant and said Trott belonged to the aforesaid Privateer, and that said Underwood was an officer on board said Privateer, and that they sailed in two or three days after they brought said Negro to said Underwood: and further saith not
 York April 23^d. 1783.

Philip Hubbard

York ss. April 23^d. 1785. Then the above named Philip Hubbard personally appearing, and after being duly examined and cautioned to testify the whole truth, made solemn oath to the truth of the above Deposition by him subscribed, the same being taken to be used in an action or plea of the case, to be heard and tried at the Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at York, within and for the county of York, on the fourth Tuesday of April instant, by adjournment from the second Tuesday of April instant, when and where John Trott of Thittery in said county is Plat. and John Underwood of Thittery aforesaid is Def^t. The cause of caption is that the Deponant being bound to Sea, taken at the request of the said Underwood, the adverse party being notified and present: - Taken and sealed up by me,

Joseph Simpson Jus. Peace

Deponants travel 12 miles - 2/-
 Attendants - - - - 3/-
 Justices fees - - - - 3-6
 . 8-6

Elizabeth Trott D^r

In the year 1777 & 1778. & 1779 & 1780. to 97 ^{It} milk & 4 copper
to 48 q^t Cyder & 5 copper a quart
to 17 Jills rum & 4 copper a Jill
to 34 half pints d^r at 8 d^s a half pint
to 7 1/2 lb sugar in half pounds & quarters
to 2 Gall^s & 3 quarts & one pint & half Molof^s
to 3 1/2 lb Coffee at sundry times & 1/6 p^r pounds
to 37 q^t meal & 6 copper a q^t
to 39 lb salt fish & 15 fresh Haddick 192 copper
to 9 fresh Cod fish 41 lb 82 copper

This account is between Miss Trott & myself which she has
had of me for labour done in my ~~service~~ service & has
not any concerns with my husbands account.

Hittory March 21. 1785 Mary Underwoods Drors excepted

G^t by 52. days work at a p^r fifteen a day

York^e March 22. 1785 rec^d & entered in the files of the Clerks
Office of the Court of Common pleas att^d J^d P^r Baullet Clerk

Copy Exam^d by J^d P^r Baullet Clerk

York &c The Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

② To the Sheriff of our County of York his under Sheriff or Deputy Greeting

We command you to attach the Goods or Estate of John Underwood of Hittary in the County of York Mainer to the value of Thirty pounds and for want thereof to take the body of the said John Underwood (if he may be found in your precinct) and him safely keep so that you have him before our Justices of our Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at York within & for our said County of York on the second Tuesday of April next there to be in our said Court to answer unto John Trott of Hittary aforesaid Mainer in a plea of the case for that whereas the said John Underwood on the twenty fifth day of July Anno Domini 1785 at Hittary aforesaid being justly indebted to the said John Trott in the sum Twenty two pounds five Shillings for the several articles mentioned in the annexed account then before that time & being so indebted in consideration thereof he the said Underwood then & there promised the said Trott to pay him that sum on demand yet the said Underwood though requested to pay sd sum has not done it & also for that whereas the said Underwood on the same day & year aforesaid at Hittary aforesaid was indebted to the said Trott for the service & labour & articles as charged in the annexed account other done & performed before that time by the said Trott at the said Underwoods special instance & request and being so indebted in consideration thereof he the said Underwood then & there promised the said Trott to pay him so much money on demand as the said service & goods were reasonably worth, & that he reasonably ~~to~~ deserved to have, and the said Trott saith that the said service done & performed as aforesaid & the goods & Merchandise delivered as mentioned in the annexed account are reasonably worth & that he reasonably deserved to have thereof for the other sum of Twenty two pounds five Shillings Lawful money of all which the said Underwood then & there had notice yet the said Underwood hath not paid said

last

Cast mentioned sum nor any part thereof though
 often requested but neglects & refuses to do the same
 to the damage of the said John Trott as he saith
 the sum of Thirty pounds which shall then & there
 be made to appear with other due damages and have
 you there this writ with your doings therein Witness
 Daniel Moulton Esq^r at York this ninth day of March
 In the Year of our Lord 1783. J. W. Baile Clerk -

York 25th March 1783 pursuant to this writ com-
 dicated I have attached a cap of the within named
 John Underwood value one shilling & at the same
 time gave him a summons as the Law directs
 att. Jm. Ferguson Deput Sheriff

travel 8 miles 1-4
 twice — 1-4
 2-8

D^r Capt John Underwood

S. S. D

1772. man to going on board his sloop in distress &
 getting her into the Harbour in safety } 2. 8. 0
 1777 May 28th to apprehending his Negro by virtue
 of his power & expences with another man in
 watching sd Negro } 6. 0. 0
 to a Handkercht. for sd Negro by his request - 0. 8. 0
 to a Cap to D^r - 0. 3. 0
 to 77 days work done by my wife in the year
 1777. 1778. 1779 @ 1/6 per day } 5. 18. 6
 1781. to 2 1/2 yds broadcloth from Mr Lord & 100 Dⁿ ?
 per yard when Dⁿ were 75 for one, is Lawful } 4. 0. 0
 to 2 1/2 yds of serge denim @ 17/6 per yard - 3. 7. 6
 Shitney Feby 25th 1783. L M y £ 22-5-0

Errors excepted Jm Trott

Copy Examd by J. W. Baile Clerk

Writ to
Trotter & Underwood
Copy 3/4.

to 1/2 4th Ferguson's 2nd 1783.

Whittier's 25th 1783.

Errors excepted 1783.

Copy 3/4

York & the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:
to the Hon. the Court of the County of York, his Honor the Sheriff or

Dr John Trott in Account with John Underwood

1770 To Rum and porter from Tobay 1770 to the

13th April following from the Day book paper

Money £ 14.. 6.. 0 is Silver Lawful Money

To Rum Bayze and Caish from April 13th 1770

To the 25th May following paper Money from Day

Book paper Money £ 3.. 3.. 3 is Lawful Money

To Rum, Caish, Leather, and Sugar from the 25th

May 1770 to 5th July following from Day

Book paper Money 36.. 4.. 0 is Lawful Money Silver 13.. 13.. 1

To Rum and Beer, and Chaise hire from July 5th

1770 till Aug^t following paper Money as

Day Book £ 4.. 7.. 0 is Silver ^{Lawful} Money - To porter

Rum and Cyder and Calamance in the year 1700

4052 paper Dollars 75 for one Silver Dollars &

in Lawful Money Silver

1770

Dec^r To myself and House & Expences to Newbury by

your Wifes desire in order to get part of a share

More that was stop^d Suppos^d stop^d from your

Misconduct which I Obtained after 3 days being

gone 20 Silver dollars

1701 To Rum Cyder and Sewing Silk from Jan^y 1701

untill Aug^t following in paper Dollars as to Chalk

Scow 1701 2 75 Home Silver £

To 4 Months and 2 day^s House ~~House~~ Rent Since

your Wife settled for House Rent in the y^r 1701 Silver

Money

Lawful Money

L 9

6.. 5.. 0

12.. 5.. 8

2.. 6.. 4

16.. 4.. 0

6.. 0.. 0

6.. 14.. 4

1.. 0.. 0

64.. 8.. 5

Contra —

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1701 By 2½ yards Sargeedemin Cost 2/ Sterling
By 2½ yards ^{dark} Coloured B. Cloth of W. Mark
Laid on of Wifes acct. Cost 3/6 By 2/11

Dr — Amount of Opposite side £ 64. 0. 5
1701 To paid for mending Windows which were broke
When your wife rented it ———— 0. 12. 0
To the cellar partition Boards which were
destroyed ———— } 0. 12. 0
To Rum and Cyder in the latter part of the y.
1701 and Chalk & Cow Silver Money ———— 2. 11. 7
To 37th of Buy and S. Lawf Money 1784 — 1. 4. 0
To flip Toddy and Rum ———— 0. 4. 6
£ 69. 13. 2

Settled 21. March 1705

Error Except — John Underwood

York 22. March 1705 received & entered in the Clerks
Office of the Court of Common Pleas for Said County

Att. J. W. Bartlett Clerk
Copy Examd by J. W. Bartlett Clerk

An Account of Goods paid to M^r John Underwood by my
Wife to Satisfie A demand which he had upon her for House
Rent and Other Articles to the Amount of twelve pounds
Eighteen Shillings Lawfull Money with the prices as they
was sold for At that time being January 1701

Viz: 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ y ^{ds} Broad Cloth at 300 Doll ^r $\frac{1}{2}$ y ^d	29 25
6 yards hair bind a 160 Doll ^r $\frac{1}{2}$ y ^d	9 60
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards Calamanco a 30 Doll ^r $\frac{1}{2}$ y ^d	2 25
9 yards Baze a 60 Dollars $\frac{1}{2}$ y ^d	5 40
Paper Dollars 75 None Silver	75) 465 0/62
	450
Which is in Lawfull Money	£ 100 12 0
His whole Demand	£ 120 10 0
Over paid Lawfull Money	£ 20 5 0

NB when my Wife paid the Above Sum It included one
years Rent Over and ^{he} gave her An Account of the
Same which Account was put in her Fathers Desk
which Desk together with all the papers therein
fell in the hands of Said Underwood & he being the
Administrator to her Fathers Effects and she says
That she has never had any Sort of Dealings with
him Since and is ready to Attest to the Same

NB. by the Consent of ^{the} Parties the above Account
was Included