Rachel's Bill of Complaint, Rachel v. John Draper. 4 May 1773. Manuscript. Powhatan County (Va.) Judgments (Freedom Suits), 1807-1844. Local Government Records Collection, Powhatan County Court Records,

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Virginia.

In The General Court – 4<sup>th</sup> May 1773.

Sam, Rachel & her child.....Indian plts against In trespass, { assault, Battery
Thomas Clay......Deft & false Imprisonment

This day came the parties by their attornies, and thereupon came a jury to wit. Alexander Boyd, Allen Love, Thomas Claiborne, John Fowler, Thomas Roberts, Allen Cocke, John Hartwell Cocke, William Robinson, Richard Cocke, Robert Gilmour, Richard Allen & Robert Boyd, who being elected, tried and sworn, the truth to speak upon the issue joined, upon their oath do say that the plts are free & not slaves, as by replying they have alledged, and they do assess the damages of the plts by the occasion in the declaration mentioned to five pounds besides their costs. Therefore, it is considered by the Court that the plts recover against the deft their damages aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed and their costs by them about their suit in this behalf expended. And the said deft may be taken &c.

Costs 500 lbs. tobo. & L. fee

The declaration before mentioned is a Copy of the only paper filed in the aforegoing cause.

A Copy, Teste Peyton Drew C.G.C.

