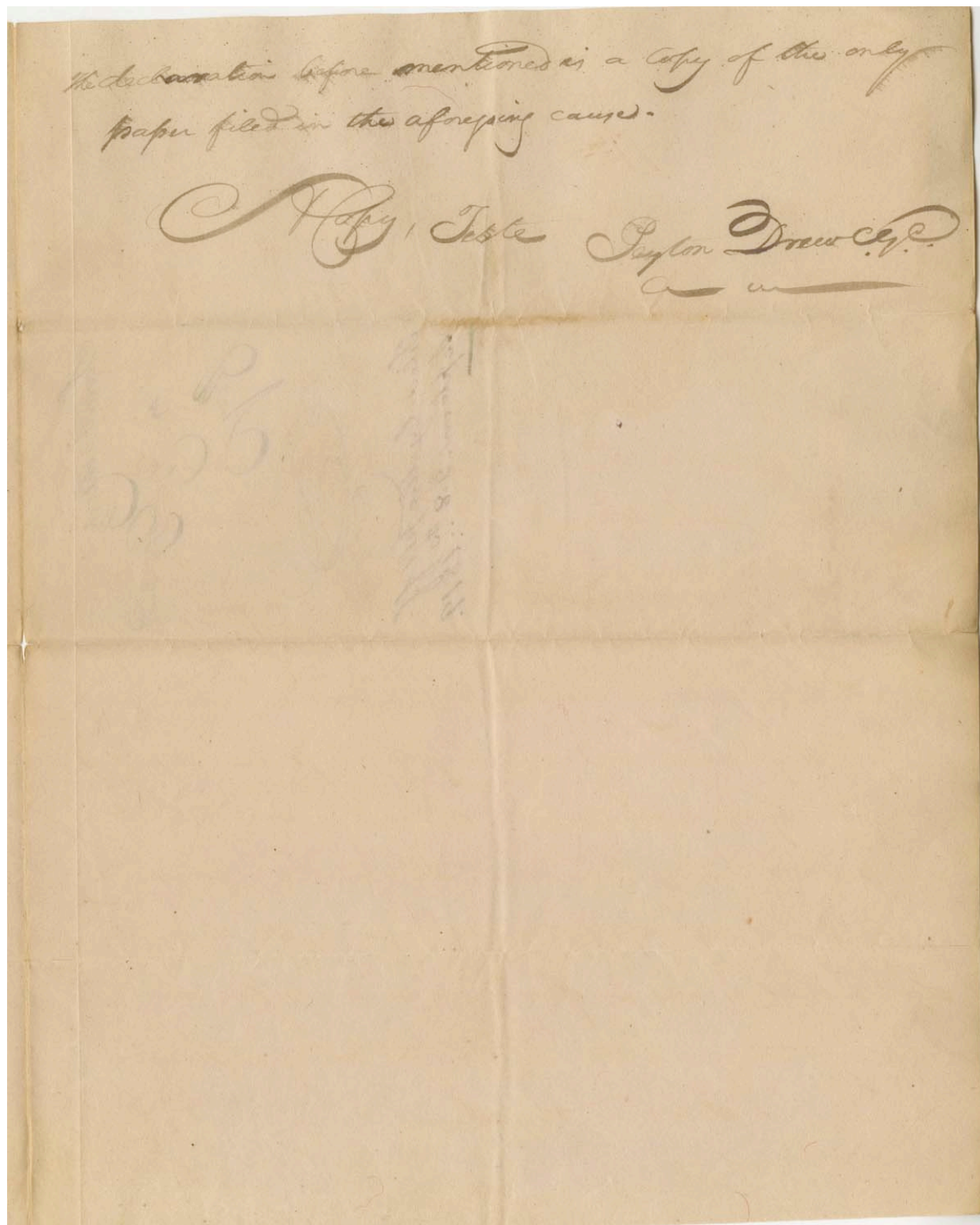


Cumberland County, to wit;
I am, Rachael Gher Childs, Indians, &
complain of Thomas Blay, in custody & so forth & for
that the said Thomas Blay on the first day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and seventy, at the parish of Southam in the County
aforesaid, with forces and arms, to wit, with slaves and
servants made an assault upon the said pett, and
beat, wounded & cruelly entreated them the ^{sd} plaintiffs
so that their lives were greatly despaired of, and
then the ^{sd} plaintiffs did then and there illegally
imprison & then & there did other wrongs to the ^{sd}
plaintiffs against the peace of our Lords The King
& to the damage of the ^{sd} plaintiffs, Eighty pounds,
wherefore they bring suit & so forth.
Thomas Draper for the pett
for the def^t J. S. Draper
The pett is a slave
R. S.
The pett is free & no slave
J. M.
Virginia

Virginia. In The General Court - 4th May
1773.

Sum, Rachel her child Indians. p^{ts} } In Prose, against, P^{ty}
against } Def^t } of false Imprisonment.
Thomas Clay

This day came the parties by their attornies, and
thereupon came a jury to wit. Alexander Boyd, Allen Love,
Thomas Blairmore, John Fowler, Thomas Roberts, Allen Locke,
John Hartwell Locke, William Robinson, Richard Locke, Robert
Gilmour, Richard Allen & Robert Boyde, who being elected,
tried and sworn, the truth to speak upon the issue joined,
upon their oath do say that the p^{ts} are free & not slaves, as by
replying they have alleged, and they do assess the damages
of the p^{ts} by the occasion in the declaration mentioned to
five pounds besides their costs. Therefore, It is considered
by the Court that the p^{ts} recover against the def^t their
damages aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed and their
costs by them about their suit in this behalf expended.
and the said def^t may be taken of
£5.00.00. 60.00 & 4. fees.



Bill of Complaint, dated 4 May 1773. Manuscript. *Rachel (alias Rachel Findley) v. John Draper Sr.*
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Powhatan County Court Records. The Library of Virginia. 12-1244-102