

1782-004 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

TAYLOR vs. IVEY, 9/1782

See also, 1782-2 James Taylor vs. Taylor's Executors,
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To the Worshippful the Judges of Boston County Court sitting in Case

Humbly Complaining sheweth unto your Honors your
Orator James Taylor of the said County that his Father by his
last Will bearing Date the Day of in the Year of
our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred & Fifty gave &
bequeathed unto his Son Richard Taylor his Plantation where
William Drury was Overseer with all the Land he held therea-
bout after his Son Henry had his laid off, also the Seven fol-
lowing Negroes, young Sam, Sue, Joe, Isaac, David, Ben,
Annys Child & Cato & Sixty pound Current Money to him
his Heirs for ever. Also in the latter part of his Will he
provided "that if either of his Sons, Henry Pinchen Ethelred
John, James your Orator or Richard should die under Age
or without Issue that all the Land & Slaves heretofore given
them & all the other Estate hereafter given to ^{any} Child or Children
dying as aforesaid be equally divided among such of his said
Sons as should survive & their Heirs for ever." Your Orator
further sheweth that his Brother Richard departed this
Life the Day of in the Year of our Lord one Thousand
seven Hundred and Seventy under Age & without Issue
leaving your Orator, & his Brothers, Henry, Ethelred & John by
which Means he became intitled to one fourth part of all
the Estate of which he died seized and possessed. That his
Brother Henry Taylor was appointed Guardian by this Wor-
shippful Court to the said Richard, that he made Sale of
Cato one of the Negroes aforesaid to one John Jey whom
your Orator prays may be made Party to this his Bill of
Complaint, which as Guardian he had no right to do
without the Direction of this Worshippful Court. That
the said John Jey well knowing this, purchased the said
Negro Woman Cato for the sum of
That as your Orator was intitled only to one fourth part
of the Value of the said Negro, he made Application to the
said Jey in a friendly manner & requested him to pay
him his one fourth part of the Value of the said Negro

or deliver her up to be sold. But now so it is May it
please your Worships the said John Gray altogether refuses
to comply with your Orators Request pretending that as he
bought the said Negro & paid for her that he is no further ac-
countable, whereas your Orator expressly charges that as the
said Henry Taylor could not sell the said Negro and as the
said Gray well knew the same, that he hath a just Claim
to have the said Negro delivered up to be sold in Order properly
to ascertain her Value. Intender Consideration whether
and forasmuch as your Orator is remediless in the Premises
except in this Worshipful Court of Equity where Matters of
this Nature are properly Cognizable. To the End therefore
that the said John Gray may on his Corporal Oath, true &
perfect Answer make to all and singular the Premises as fully
and distinctly as if here repeated and interrogated more Espe-
cially that the said John Gray may set forth and discover if
he is not Possessed of the said Negro Woman Kate, of whom he
bought her & for what Sum? Did he not know she belonged to
the said Richard Taylor? Was he not forbidden from Buy-
ing of her? Hath not your Orator made Application & reques-
ted him to pay his full fourth part of her Value or deliver
up the Negro to be sold? And he not refuse & for what Reason?
That your Worships would decree the said Negro to be sold &
one fourth part of her Value to be paid to your Orator with
Interest from the Death of the said Richard, or make such
other or further Decree in the Premises as would be more agree-
able to Equity and good Conscience. May it please your
Worships to grant unto your Orator his Majestys most gra-
cious Writ of Sp. R. &c.

Wm Gray J. Qu.

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George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c.
To the Sheriff of Southampton County Greeting We
Command You that You Summon John Drey to app
ear before our Justices of our County Court at the Court
House of the said County on the Second Thursday in
February next to Answer a Bill in Chancery exhibit
against him by James Taylor and have then there
this writ Witness Richard Kello Clerk of
our said Court at the Court House the 15 day of
January in the 14 Year of our Reign

Sam Kello Sec
by