

Henry Bishop was complained of aboute a boye he keepes (Samuel Andrewes) who is conceived to be in danger of his life, whether for want of food or lodging or whatsoeuer else, the Court desires to be informed. Hen: Bishop said it is wonder he is no worss, considering how naisty the boy is. The boy was asked if hee had foode inough; he would say nothing to y^e Court, but told Nathaniel Whitfeild and Edward Parker privatly that now he had but formerly he had not. The Court agreed that it were best the boy should be at some other place, wher he may haue wholesome diet sufficient, and good lodging, to make tryall for a moneth till the next Court; and in regard of M^{rs} Evanc her relation to him,* the Court desired that she would take him for this moneth, and the next Court it shall be considered againe: no agreement made wth Henry Bishop aboute the boy being in any kinde altered: /

Edward Hitchcocke appeared and desired that the buisnes betwixt Edward Pattyson and himselfe, spoken of the last Court, might [119] be issued; but because Edward Pattyson is not here, and Hitchcocke now desires that his testimony may be required as well as his wiues in y^e case, therefore it is respited till the next Court: /

William Potter passeth ouer to Mathew Camfeild one acker of land lying in the subverbes quarter next Millford highway in y^e corner ouer against William Daus his home lott, the swamp or spring being betwixt: /

Mathew Camfeild passeth ouer to Kattern Tompson, now y^e wife of Nickholas Camp; his house, home lott, and other houseing

* The boy had been formerly in her service.

[121] Nathaniel Whitfeild appeared on the behalfe of M^{rs} Evance, desiring the Court to consider of and issue the buisnes aboute Samuell Andrewes and Henry Bishopp, w^{ch} was the last Court referred till now. Nathaniel was asked how the boy was when he came to his M^{rs}, and what it is he propounds for: he said how the boy was when hee came to their house, John Brocket can best speake, for he viewed him, and that their is an alteration his countenance shoves; his M^{rs} desires the Court would consider the charge and trouble she hath bine at this

moneth past, for he is Henry Bishops servant and ought to haue bine looked to by him; how his cariag hath bine toward him, Edwa. Parker and Sam. Lamb can testifie, for had the boy bine looked to as a servant should be, he would not haue come to that pass he was at. Wherevpon first John Brocket was called to testifie how the boy was when he went to M^{rs} Evance a moneth agoe: hee said that hee viewed the boy when he went to M^{rs} Evanc and found him in a verrey bad case: he had vlcerous sores in his feete and chilblaines w^{ch} came he conceives by reason of cold, and had he bine looked to as he ought it would not haue come to that pass; one of his fingers was verrey sore, he thinkes it was frossen; and aboute September last he saw the boy sitting vpon a logg, and perceiving he was lame he went to him; the boy desired him to looke on his legg, wth a sore, foule & blacke, w^{ch} had not the attendance it ought to haue: /

Edward Parker testifieth vpon oath that he liuing neere Henry Byshop hath observed that the boy hath bine much beatten, and he hath of late taken notice of him to be in a pittypfull case, and feared if some course were not taken the boy would perish; he spake to Goodman Bishopp aboute him, told him he was in a perishing way and would dye for want of due lookeing to; Goodman Bishop answered, let him dye and be hanged if he will, he could not abide him:

Samuel Lamb, servant to M^{rs} Evanc, aged aboute sixteene yeares, testifyeth vpon oath that his M^{rs} sent him wth Sam. Andrewes, when he dwelt at Goodman Bishops, to Thomas Beech his for a pare of shooes for Sam. Andrewes, and when they went to put them on his feete he cryed, wherevpon they looked on his feete and found them exceeding sore; his M^{rs} sent him to Goodman Bishop to tell him, and pray him that his feete may be looked to, for they were verrey bad and like to rott; Goodman Bishop answered, hange him, rascall, let them rott if they will, if he cannot looke to himselfe: /

Goodman Bishop said the boy hath bine so lazie that he could make him doe nothing but drive plow, and that but badly; he would not chop wood nor draw water nor serve the cattell, but he would doe mischeife, breake his bucket, and let cattell into his barne and spoyle his corne, and for his naistines it was intolerable; he would piss and foule his bed and breeches and in

y^e barne & chamber in y^e corne, and was very theevish: he would steale raw fatt & meate & eate it, though hee had had sufficient foode before: one morning to breakefast hee eate 3 quarts of pease porig & bread wth them and a good peece of meate and bread wth it, and aboute an houre after he stole a peece of hoggs fatt and eate it raw as big as a mans hand: and by reason of his naistines they haue throwne many a peece of meate to the doggs, because he would put his naistie hands into y^e pott. [122] Samuell Andrewes was asked what he said to this: hee would say nothing. Nathaniell Witfeild said that he thinkes the boy hath bine bad inough, but yet Goodman Bishop hath at first given commendations of him, and hee had bine three monethes vpon tryall, yet after tooke him to be his servant for fife yeares, and Captaine Astwood said that he could haue put the boy out in another place, and told M^{rs} Evance so; but she said she had had some treaty wth Goodman Bishop aboute him, and if he liked him he was to haue him: /

Goodman Bishop said that M^{rs} Evanc did not performe agreement in some cloathes w^{ch} the boy was to haue, but he proved it not. Nathaniel Whitfeild replied that the boy had sufficient cloathes, and p^rsented a note of the particulars to the Court, but said now they are allmost spoyled, and therfore if his M^{rs} should haue the boy againe, she conceives she should be alowed for this monethes keepeing last past and for what his cloathes are the worss. The Court not being able to judg of the cloathes, wth Goodman Bishops consent referred it to Thomas Kimberly and Thomas Wheeler, two taylors, and desired Goodman Bishop to be present to giue them what light he could: Goodman Bishop said that for the three monethes time he had him vpon tryall he must not alowe for the ware of his cloathes, w^{ch} those that viewed the cloathes were to consider; and after they had viewed them they gaue in a note, that to their best apprehension y^e cloathes were worth, when Hen. Bishops time begane wth the boy, foure pounds six shillings foure pence, and now they are worth eighteen shillings. Both parties were wished to speake if they had any more to say: Natha. Whitfeild said if the boy should be returned to his M^{rs}, when she hath in a legall way freed herselfe from him, it will be a great loss to her; beside he hath so disparaged the boy that they shall hardly get a master for him; and the cure of his feete and finger he

thinkes would haue cost forty shillings; and for the trouble, his M^{rs} would not haue had it for five pounds.

Henry Bishop said the fault was his owne, for he would wett his feete wth his owne water and then hide himselfe and stand in the cold; and it was his owne fault that his cloathes was so spoyled; he was told that the hazard of those things he must beare after he was his servant.

Both parties having spoken what they would, the Court proceeded to sentence, and Ordered that for the boye M^{rs} Evanc is to take him againe, and that Henry Bishop alowe her for the cloathes being worss, according as those that viewed them judg, three pounds eight shillings foure pence; and considering the case the boy was in when he came to M^{rs} Evanc a moneth agoe, as John Brocket saith, and the Court is informed that the docter should say if the boy was not speedily looked to, he would be in great danger, also the charg the cure might cost, and the trouble hath bine and charge is like to follow to M^{rs} Evanc, that therefore Henry Bishop paye to her five pounds more; also considering the testimony of Edward Parker and Sam. Lamb, the Court lookes vpon it as a very ill example that a master should speake so of or to a servant (though faulty), that therefore for this he paye as a fine to the Towne forty shillings: /

Mr. C. asked an action against Mr. Allerton, but he said he