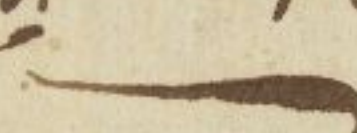


M^r Joseph Parker — The Negro Girl named Violet
you sold as a Slave to Sam^l Bradstreet de^d. ^{for her liberty, will}
Jes. Mark How of Ipswich who now owns her, and
derives his Title from^t Bradstreet and he from you. At
July court next to be holden at Salem in ^Efor the County of
Essex where that point will be tried whether she is
a Slave or not and whether you had a right to sell her
or not and you are notified of this that if you think proper
you may there bring and offer to y^e Court on y^e Trial. Evidence
that she is a Slave. 

June. 9th. 1766

This curious old "slave" document was among the "Old How papers"
from the homestead in Dunbrooke. - "The negro girl Violet"
is named in the ancient Book of How records. -



Slavery in Massachusetts in 1766. —

Although unsigned, this appears to be a Court Summons, when the rights of Joseph Parker to sell the negro girl, Violet, as a slave will be argued. —

In the Old How Book, 1680, of How family records, Mark How (Abraham², James), who inherited the homestead, enters purchase of "shoes for Violet." — ³

This is one of the family papers, safe-guarded in the old home of the Hows, Lincolnbrook, Ipswich, and, in given to me by Mr George Prescott, of Rowley. —

