

Liber W. C. then the whole Damage by servitude or otherwise as the Court before Whome such matter is brought as aforesaid shall thinke fitt &c, as by the said Act Relation being thereunto had may more att large appeare, The said William Wright the said Act not regarding nor feareing the penalty in the same Contained, in or about the moneth of \_\_\_\_\_ in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred seaventy and \_\_\_\_\_ hee the said William Wright being then a ffree man of this Province of Maryland To the great Dishono<sup>r</sup> of god and to the apparent damage of the said Robert Doyne Did begett then upon the body of one \_\_\_\_\_ The then Woman sarvant of the said Robert Doyne a Bastard Child in Contempt of the said Act and to the greate Damage of the said Robert Doyne by Reason Whereof

And the said William Wright by Robert Ridgely his Attorney cometh and Defendeth the force and Injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaall Court and Itt is granted unto him the same day to given to the plt also

Now here att this day to witt the Thirteenth day of May in the fifth yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Anno<sup>q</sup> Domini 1680 came the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said William Wright by his said Attorney saith, That the said William for or by Reason of any thing above by the said Robert in manner and forme aforesaid Alleadged against him him hee hath noe need nor by the Lawe of the land is bound to answer, and to the same Demurreth in Lawe, according to the forme of the statute in that case pvided hee sheweth forth, That Whereas the said Robert setteth forth in his sd Declara<sup>o</sup>n (that whereas the said William in or About the moneth of \_\_\_\_\_ in the yeare of our Lord god one hundred sixty seaven hee the said William Wright being then a freeman of this Province of Maryland To the greate dishono<sup>r</sup> of god, and to the apparent Damage of the said Robert Doyne did begitt then upon the body of one the then Woman sarvant of the said Robert Doyne &c.) w<sup>ch</sup> are words of noe sence or signification in Lawe nor pp for the said William to Answer unto, and this hee is ready to Averse, And therefore Demands Judgment of the said Declaration, and if the said William to the same ough<sup>t</sup> to Answer, Whereupon the said p<sup>it</sup> retuseth to make any farther. psecution against the said Defend<sup>t</sup> in the plea aforesaid, Therefore Itt is Considered That the said Robert Doyne take nothing by his writt but  
 p. 171 be In mercy for his false Claime thereupon & the said William Wright may goe thereof without day, And that the said William Wright Recover against the said Robert Doyne the same of Eight hundred thirty & Six pounds of Tobacco for his Costs and charges by him about his Defence in this behalfe laid out and expended and the said William may have thereof Execution