

Liber Z. of tobacco for that whereas the said Anthony Cotten did in the beginning of August last enterteine the said James Clofton into his service, and did covenant and agree to pay vnto him; one hundred & thirty pound weight of good merchantable tobacco by the moneth for every moneth that he should serve him; & that the said James Clofton did serve the said Anthony Cotten for two moneths commencing from the time aforesaid; & further that whereas the said James Clofton did in September last sell vnto the said Anthony Cotten 4 ells of lockram for the price of forty weight of tobacco to be paid vpon demaund; neverthelesse the said Anthony Cotten not regarding the said covenant and bargaine, but intending fraudulently to deceive the said James Clofton, the said three hundred pound of tobacco vnto the said James Clofton hath not yet paid, but hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same although he hath bene therevnto demaunded by the said James Clofton. And for this he doth bring his suite &c.

James Cloughton

26. the same day came the said Anthony Cotton, and defendeth himselfe and denieth that he did covenant and agree to pay the said James Cloughton one hundred and thirty pound of tobacco by the moneth; and deneith further that the said James Cloughton did serve him the said Anthony Cotton, two moneths; and denieth further that the said James Cloughton did sell foure ells of lockram vnto the said Anthony Cotton as is alledged.

And this he is ready to averre; and for triall thereof he putteth himselfe vpon his countrey

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And the said James Cloughton likewise

James Cloughton

This action is withdrawen by the plaintiff; this 30th of march
1638 James Cloughton

26. febr:

James Cloughton mariner complaineth ags^t Anthony Cotton in an action of defamation; for that whereas the said James Cloughton was alwaies of good fame and honest repute hitherto; neverthelesse the said Anthony Cotton did on the 25th of this instant moneth of february defame the said James Cloughton, and did vse these or the like words, that if he (innuendo the said Anthony Cotton) had pleased he might have had him (innuendo the said James Cloughton) whipp't at virginea; and that if he (innuendo likewise the said James Cloughton) had