

Liber F F To the hon<sup>ble</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> and Councill of the prouince of Maryland  
 [p. 6] The humble pet<sup>n</sup> of John Wright

Sheweth that whereas yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> had freight taken on board the Accamack merc<sup>ht</sup> Mr Tho: Smyth Comand<sup>r</sup> for 30 hñds of tobacco by Chart<sup>r</sup> party and 10 hñds more by promise in all 40 hñds as yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> can proue in purseance of which the said Smyth sent his Boatswaine and another seaman w<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Tullyes sloop which he had borrowed to fetch the said tobacco on board and when it was in the shipe yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> being then there, went to the said Smyth to demand bills of loading for the abouesaid tobacco which the said Smyth refused to giue yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup>, reuileing him w<sup>th</sup> tearmes of Cheating Knaue and Cheating Rogue, taking up a great rope and striking yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> many blowes w<sup>th</sup> it forcing yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> out of his shipe into the Boate of William Caluert Esq<sup>q</sup> who was a spectato<sup>r</sup> in the said place, by which meanes yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> was forced to goe on shore to p<sup>r</sup>serue his life, where yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> was forced to Continue 4 dayes w<sup>th</sup>out doing any thinge att all of his bussiness there, and was wholly obstructed by that meanes of managing his affaires at home in making up his acc<sup>ts</sup> for his imployers in England and settling other respectiue accompts in the Country which said acc<sup>ts</sup> should haue gone home by Cap<sup>t</sup> Morrice the not p<sup>r</sup>forming hereof in all probabillity w<sup>th</sup> reproachable language giuen unjustly to yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> may in all likelyhood loose his imploy<sup>mt</sup> which is his whole liuelyhood being yearely intrusted w<sup>th</sup> 500<sup>lb</sup> sterling, to his damage and defame one hundred thowsand pounds of tobacco the humble request of yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> is that the said Smyth may be Compelled to reparaire the reputa<sup>o</sup>n of yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> publicke in open Court w<sup>th</sup> repara<sup>o</sup>n of the unjusttifiable battery the losse of time Charges and da<sup>m</sup>age w<sup>th</sup> Cost of suite and trouble, And yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> shall pray &<sup>c</sup>

Ap<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> John Whright d<sup>ds</sup> writt ags<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Smyth in an acc<sup>o</sup>n  
 uppon his Case to the uallue of 18000<sup>lb</sup> tob:

Warr<sup>t</sup> to sherriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Marys County to arrest &<sup>c</sup>. Ref<sup>d</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> June  
 next Prouin<sup>all</sup> Court—

The said Wright d<sup>ds</sup> su<sup>m</sup>ons for Rob<sup>t</sup> Searell Boatswaine and  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Clayton to testifye In the said Cause &<sup>c</sup>

Summons to sherriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Marys County to warne &<sup>c</sup> Vnd<sup>r</sup> pen-  
 alty of 500 tob if they appear not each person

[p. 7] To the Rig<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Governo<sup>r</sup> & Councill

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