Liber FF

The Court adjournes till the Afternoon

[p. 666] Oliuer Gery plaintiffe
Eliz: Leitchworth the Adm*
Of Thomas Leitchworth defendt

Jenifer p̄ quer̄
Caluert p̄ deft

the pit sues the defend^t as Adm^x of the Goods and Chattles of Thomas Leitchworth in an accon of the Case for diuers Goods and Merchandizes Sent and deliuered the s^d Thomas in his life time for which they had accounted and the said Thomas as by his letters and Accompt thereot given under his hand hee was found in arreares to be endebted to the said Oliuer in the sume of Eighte Thowsand three hundred & twenty pounds of tobacco besides the sume of Fiue hundred and foure pounds of tobacco for forbearance and the sume of Two hundred and twelve pounds of tobacco being charges expended by the said pit at the instance and request of him the said Thomas in his life time which said severall sumes amounts in the whole to Nine Thowsand and Thirety Six pounds of Tobacco

The defendt put's in her plea as followeth

And the said Elizabeth Leitchworth by W^m Caluert her Attorny Cometh and defendeth the force and injury when &^c: and saith that the said Thomas Leitchworth did not assume and promise in manner and forme as the said Oliuer in his said Declaracon hath alleadged and of this she prayes may be enquired off by the Country and the said Oliuer in like manner Therefore Comand is given to the sherriffe that he Cause to come twelue &^c: Will^m Caluert

The Sher returnes his venire wth a pannell annext uizt

Foreman Daniel Clarke Richd Bayley Peter Joy John Grammer John Holland Wm osbeston Hen: Aspinall Thomas Doxey

The Jury being Called and sworne The plt produceth to the Court and Jury seuerall letters and Accompts Attested und^r the hand of the said Thomas Leitchworth wherein hee did Acknowledg himselfe to bee Endebted to the said Oliuer Gery upon Ballance of all Accompts between them the aforesaid Sume of Nine Thowsand thirety Six pounds of tobacco

The defend^t having pleaded the General issue doth now give the speciall matter in Euidence first denying that those letters and Accompts are the hand writeing of the said Thomas Leitchworth dec^d

The plt for proue thereof did produce seuerall Testemonys to the hand writeing of the s^d Thomas Leitchworth by him made in other writings w^{ch} being Compared was given for Euidence to the Jury

Secondly the defend^t alleageth that the plts Demands is but an Accompt and aboue Nine months standing wherefore she Craues the benifitt of the Act of Assembly in that Case made for this Prouince