

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> & Councell

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The humble pet<sup>n</sup> of John Bayley Sheweth

That whereas Reymond Staplefort the 22<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1664 did enter into a Clossett of yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> which was fast shut w<sup>th</sup> a spring lock (hee being then att S<sup>t</sup> Marys to assist att a Jury) wherein yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> had seuerall bills whereupon doth remaine due 8923<sup>th</sup> tob and Caske, and allsoe One accompt of all bussiness past in the yeare 1662, betweene him and the said Staplefort and signed by him the s<sup>d</sup> Staplefort wherein is Justified the paym<sup>t</sup> of their plantacon Cattle seru<sup>ts</sup> & houshold stuff, as allsoe th<sup>e</sup> payment of halfe the Brigantine of purpose to defraud yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> of his Just right, and to ruine him if not timely preuented, yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> therefore humbly prayeth that yo<sup>w</sup> will take it into yo<sup>r</sup> serious Consideracon, and grant him an Order ags<sup>t</sup> the said Staplefort for the returne of the aboue menconed bills or sattisfaccon to the uallue of them, as allsoe the accompt signed by the said Staplefort wherein was Justified the payment of the plantacon Cattle seruants, Household stufte and Brigantine, w<sup>th</sup> Cost of suite, And as in duty bound yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> shall pray &<sup>c</sup>:

Jn<sup>o</sup> Bayley p<sup>lt</sup> } The plea of Reymond Staplefort Def<sup>t</sup> to the [p. 251]  
 Reym<sup>d</sup> staplefort de<sup>ft</sup> } declaracon of John Bayley

The said Reymond Staplefort he is not in any wise guilty as the said John Bayley hath aboue Complained ags<sup>t</sup> him & of this &<sup>c</sup>:

The p<sup>lt</sup>: not prouing his declaracon, The de<sup>ft</sup> Craues a nonsuite which by the Board was allowed w<sup>th</sup> his Charges following

Nonsuite .....	150	} 330 <sup>th</sup> tobaccoe
2 dayes attendance.....	60	
2 dayes comming & goeing.....	60	
Attorney Fees .....	60	

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> & Councell

The humble pet<sup>n</sup> of John Bayley Sheweth

That whereas yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1663, did leaue a parcell of Goods in the Custody of Reym<sup>d</sup> Staplefort to make sale of for yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>rs</sup> use, & to be accomptable unto him of the produce as from the said Stapleforts hand doth appeare, Now soe it is that the said Staplefort hath Conuerted the said Goods to his owne Use, and refuseth to giue yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> account, and make Sattisfaccon as in right hee ought to doe, The Goods att reasonable rates amounting unto 6000<sup>th</sup> tobaccoe and Caske or thereabouts, yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> hauing brought his accon Craues Judgm<sup>t</sup> ags<sup>t</sup> the said Staplefort for the said Goods in kinde or 6000<sup>th</sup> tob: & Caske w<sup>th</sup> Cost of suite, And in duty bound yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> shall pray &<sup>c</sup>

9 Anchors of Brandy.....	4500 <sup>th</sup> tobaccoe
100 <sup>th</sup> Sugar .....	500
10 thowsand of 10 <sup>d</sup> nayles.....	600
10 paire of shooes.....	400
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