

Liber JJ Province by Henry Sewell Cheife Officer for the Probate of wills & Grantinge of Adm̄istraçõs within the said Province Lawfully Constituted Appointed & Authorized to the said Henry Hooper Com̄itted & Appointed Administrato^r of the Goods & Chattles of Richard Gott Dec^d whereby the said Henry Hooper became Lawfully Invested in the said Estate, as is aforesaid, They the said William Burgis Thomas Taylor & Samuëll Chew Together with Richard Ewen the Nyneteenth day of November in the Thirty fifth year of the Dominion of Caecilius &c Annoq One Thousand six Hundred & sixty six by force of Armes to the Howse of the said Richard att Herringe Creeke in the County of Ann Arundell in A menacinge came by p^rtence & Colo^r of an Order of Co^rt to Impower them to Come there & to acquire an Accountt of Estate th^t the said Richard Gott of & from the said Henry w^{ch} th^e said Henry Refusinge to give them unless they the said William Burges Thomas Taylor & Samuëll Chew would shew them their Com̄ission to Authorise them thereunto Did give Order to John Ewen to take out of the Possession of the said Henry the said Estate w^{ch} there by Increase was Come to th^e Number of sixty Heade of Cattle w^{ch} weere then in the possession of the said Henry without any Legall Tryall thereuppon had or by any Law or Com̄ission Contrary to th^e Forme & Effect of the said Act of Magna Charta out of the Possession of the said Henry did take & Wrest in Contempt of the said Act as by the said Act it doeth att Large more Appeare to the Greate Damaige of the said Henry, whereuppon he sayeth he is Dampnified & hath Loss to the vullue of Fifty Thousand poundes of Tobaccoe & thereuppon he bringeth his suite And the said henry doeth bringe in Co^rt heere the said Letters of Adm̄istraçõ that it may appeare to the Co^rt That he hath the Adm̄istraçõ thereof.

And the said William Thomas & Samuëll by Robert Carvile their Attorney Come & Defend the force & Injury when &c, And say they [p. 115] are in noe wise Guilty of the Trespass & Breach of the Act above ag^t them by the said henry Complayned of, And of this they putt themselves uppon the Country And the said Henry likewise.

Thereuppon Com̄and is given to the sherriffe of S^t Maryes County That he Cause to come heere before the Justices of the Provinciaall Co^rt att S^t Maries uppon the Thirteenth day of December next Twelve Honest & Lawfull men of the said Province of Maryland by whome the Trueth of the matter may be the better knowne & which neither to the said Henry Hooper Pl^t nor the said William Burgis, Thomas Taylor & Samuëll Chew Def^{ts} by any Affinity doe Relate to make a Certaine Jury of the said Province betweene the said Parties in A Plea of Trespasse uppon the Case for that Aswell the said Henry Hooper As the said William Burgis Thomas Taylor & Samuëll Chew have putt themselves uppon A Jury.

Afterwards the day & yeare within Conteyned before Charles Calvert Esq^r Cheife Justice & other his Associates Justices of the