

Liber M M of the Said bill of exchange and it is read unto him and he also prayeth the heareing of the Protest of the Said bill of exchange and it is read unto him in these words following Vizt By this publique instrument of protest be it Knowne unto all who shall See these presents or heare the Same read that On the third day of the month October Anno Dom̄ 1674 and in the Six and twentieth yeare of the Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance and Irland Defender of the ffaith &c at the request of M^r Henry Meese of London merchant I Nicholas Hayward Notary and Tabellion publique dwelling in London by Authority of his Said Ma^{tie} admitted and Sworne went Severall times to the house of M^r John ffoster Scituate in Gracious Street London where Speakeing to his man Servant I demanded of him if the Said M^r ffoster was within or if he would accept or pay the Original bill of exchange of eleaven pounds five shillings and foure pence of Current mony of England where a true Coppy is written on the otherside whereupon he answered that the Said M^r ffoster his Master was not within but haveing informed him of his Said bill he told him respondent that he neither would accept nor pay the Same Which answer I the Said Notary haveing heard at the request aforesaid have protested and by these presents doe protest aswell against W^m Stevens drawer of the Said bill and against all others therein Obliged for change and rechange together with all costs damages and interests already Suffered & Susteined and to be Suffered and Susteined for want of acceptance or payment of the Said bill This done and protested in London in the presence of Thomas Potter and John p. 557 Lidiard Which being read & heard the Said William Stevens Saith nothing in barr or avoidance of the action aforesaid of him the said Charles for that he oweth the Said Charles the said Summe of eleven pounds five shillings and foure pence whereupon the said Charles remaineth against the Said William thereof wholly undefended Therefore it is this day to wit the eighth day of May in the 43 yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius &c Considered by the Court here that the Said Charles Calvert recover against the Said William Stevens aswell the Said Summe of eleven pounds five shillings and foure pence the debt aforesaid together with three pounds Seven Shillings and Seaven pence for Change and rechange as also the summe of five hundred ninty nine pounds of tobacco for his costs and charges in this behalfe laid Out & expended and the said W^m in mercy &c.

These are to Authorize and impower you Robert Ridgely One of the Attornyes of the Provinciaall Court to appeare for me at the Suite of the Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert Governour of Maryland upon the protest of a bill of exchange and to putt in Such plea as you shall thinke fitt And for your proceedings herein this shall be your