

Liber M M the said servant Thomas bearing date the 20th day of February 1668, And whereas the said Alexander by and with the free will Consent and good liking of the said servant Thomas The Eight and Twentieth day of July 1670 on the backside of the said writing, under the hands of the said Alexander and the said servant Thomas, did assigne all his Right and interest of and in the said certeine writing and the said servant Thomas unto the said John Atkey, And the said John saith that he had reteyned him the said servant Thomas in his service to serve him the said John for and during the Residue of y^e said Terme of foure years mentioned and Expressed in the said certeine writing then to come and unexpired, And being of him the said servant Thomas lawfully possessed, the said servant Thomas the 28th day of July 1671 Run away and Depted out of y^e service of the said John, w^{ch} said servant Thomas afterwards the Eighth day of November 1671 came to the hands and possession of the said W^m Boyden, yet the said W^m Knowing the sd servant Thomas to be the servant of him the said John and to him of Right to belong and pteine, and devising and fraudulently intending Craftily and subtilly to Deceive and defraud the said John of y^e said servant Thomas the said servant to the said John although the said W^m by him the said John often Required hath not Delivered, but the said servant Thomas to him hitherto to Deliver hath Denied, and as yet doth Deny, and unjustly Deteyne contrary to the act of Assembly in that case made & provided, To the great Damage of the said John whereupon he saith he is Damnified and hath lost to the vallue of Eight Thowsand pounds of Tobacco, and thereupon he brings his suite.

And the said W^m by Benjamin Rozer his Attorney Cometh and defendeth the wrong and injury when &c and saith that he is in no wise guilty of y^e premises alledged ag^t him by the said John, and this he prayeth may be Enquired into by the Country and the said pth likewise.

Therefore Comand is given unto the Sheriff of St Maryes County that he cause to come before the Justices of the Provincial Court to be held at the City of St Maryes the Eleaventh day of February next being the first day of the same Court Twelve &c by whom &c who neither &c because aswell &c to recognize &c and the same day is given to both ptyes.

At which day that is to say the 11th day of February in the 41th yeare of y^e Dominion of Caecilius &c Annoq; Domini 1672 came aswell the said John Atkey by George Parker his Attorney as the said W^m Boyden by Benjamin Rozer his Attorney And the Juro^{rs} of that Jury likewise came to wit W^m Thompson Henrick Johnson
 p. 6 Jesse Allen Robert Clerke Richard Owen Richard Dawson John Raven Charles Clerke John Barber George Charlesworth Peter Evers and Abraham Roades who to say the truth in the premises being