

Liber N N said Condition of the said writeing Obligatory mentioned nothing in barr thereof saith, wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Thomas Bell & Philip ffrench & company as to the said summe of twelve thousand two hundred & three pounds of tobacco against the said John remaine wholly undefended, and that the said Thomas Bell & Philip ffrench & Company recover against the said John Rawlings aswell the said summe of twelve thousand two hundred and three pounds of tobacco the debt aforesaid as also the summe of six hundred pounds of tobacco for their costs and Charges in this behalfe expended and the said John in mercy &c.

Taken and acknowledged before Us  
the 23<sup>th</sup> November 1675.

Philip Calvert  
Jesse Wharton.

Charles Boteler  
ag<sup>t</sup>  
Nehemiah Blackistone } Nehemiah Blackistone late of s<sup>t</sup> Maries  
County otherwise called Nehemiah Blackis-  
tone of s<sup>t</sup> Maries County in the Province of  
Maryland Gent was summoned to answer  
unto Charles Boteler of a plea that he render unto him the full and  
just summe of nine hundred & thirty pounds of good sound tobacco  
& caske which to him he oweth and unjustly deteineth.

And whereupon the said Charles Boteler in his owne proper person complaineth that whereas the aforesaid Nehemiah Blackistone upon the sevententh day of October in the yeare of Our Lord 1674 by his certaine bill or writeing Obligatory sealed with the seale of him the said Nehemiah & here in Court produced whose date is the day and yeare aforesaid did owe and stand indebted unto Charles Boteler of Calvert County in the said Province in the full and just summe of nine hundred and thirty pounds of good tobacco and caske, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made upon demand in s<sup>t</sup> Maries County aforesaid unto the said Charles Boteler his heirs executors administrators & assignes he did bind himselfe his heirs executors and adm<sup>rs</sup> firmly by the same bill Yet the said Nehemiah though often thereunto required the aforesd nine hundred & thirty pounds of tobacco to the aforesaid Charles Boteler hath not paid according to the tenor forme & effect of the same bill but the same to pay hath refused & as yet doth refuse whereupon he saith he is dampnified & hath losse to the value of twelve hundred pounds of tobacco And thereupon he bringeth his suite.

And the said Nehemiah by Kenelm Cheseldyn his Attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury when &c and prayeth liberty of speakeing hereunto untill the next Provinciaall Court & it is granted him the same day is given to the said Charles.—Now here at this day to witt the fourteenth day of April in the first yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq̄ Doñ 1676.