

Liber N N to y^e within named William Dare in y^e p^rsence of us after the Said Bayly was discharged from y^e Sheriffe
Jarvis Ballard: Henry Everard: John Russell

The elaventh of Aprill 1676

Proued by the Aboue written Jarvis Ballard & Henry Everard in open Court & y^t the said Richard Bayley as far as they Know was at liberty no Sheriffe being then p^rsent with him at the signing & Sealeing the Same Jn^o Blomfeild Ct Cur Provin^t

p. 162 Robert Ridgely } W^m Russell late of Ann Arundell County planter
ag^t } otherwise called William Russell of Ann Arundel
W^m Russell } County Inholder was sumoned to answer unto
Robert Ridgely One of the Attornyes of the Provinciall Court according to the libertyes and priviledges &c allowed of a plea that he render unto him the full and just summe of two thousand pounds of good Sound merchantable tobacco & caske which to him he oweth and unjustly deteineth

And whereupon the Said Robert Ridgely in his proper person Saith that whereas the said W^m the 29th day of October 1674 by his certaine bill Obligatory Sealed with the Seale of him the Said W^m and here in Court produced whose date is the day & yeare aforesaid did acknowledge himselfe to be holden & firmly indebted unto the said Robert in the full & just Summe of two thousand pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco & casque To be paid to the Said Robert Ridgely or to his certaine Attorney his heirs execut^{rs} adm^{rs} or assignes at Some convenient place in the said County upon demand To the which payment well and truly to be made the said W^m did bind himselfe his heirs execut^{rs} & adm^{rs} firmly by those presents notwithstanding which the said W^m Russell the said summe of two thousand pounds of tobacco to him the said Robert Ridgely according to the tenor of the said writeing Obligatory though often thereunto required hath not paid but the same to pay hath denyed and as yet doth deny whereupon the said Robert Saith he is dampnified & hath lost to the value of three thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his Suite.

And the said W^m Russell by George Parker his Attorney cometh and defendeth the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill the next Provinciall Court and it is granted him the same day is given to the said Robert.

Now here at this day to witt the tenth day of April in the first yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq̄ Doñ 1676 Came the said Robert Ridgely in his proper person and the said W^m Russell by his said Attorney came also and the said W^m Saith nothing in barr or avoidance of the action aforesaid of him the said Robert in forme aforesaid brought whereupon the said Robert remaineth against the said W^m thereof wholly undefended