

to be paid at his then dwelling plantation in Kent County To the which payment well & truly to be made the said Wells did thereby bind himselfe his heirs executors & adm^{rs} firmly by those presents Yet notwithstanding the said John Wells the said summe of three thousand five hundred & twelve pounds of tobacco or any part thereof to them the said Nicholas Goodridge & Partners according to the said bond though often thereunto required hath not paid or Satisfied but the same to pay or Satisfie hath hitherto altogether denyed & refused and Still doth deny and refuse to pay the same Whereupon the said Nicholas and partners say they are dampnified & have losse to the value of six thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon they bring their suite. Liber N N

And the said John Wells in his proper person cometh & defendeth the force & injury when &c and prayeth heareing of the said bond and it is read unto him & he also prayeth the heareing of the Condition of the said bond and it is read unto him in these words The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the abovebound John Wells shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto Nicholas Goodridge & partners or his or their heirs execut^{rs} adm^{rs} Attorney or assigns the sume of Seventeen hundred fifty six pounds of large and bright tobacco & caske at my now dwelling plantation at or before the last day of October next ensueing the date hereof That then this present Obligation to be void and of none effect else to remaine in full force & virtue. which being read and heard the said John Saith That as to nine hundred ninty six pounds of tobacco part of the said summe of seventeen hundred fifty six pounds of tobacco he hath paid to the said Nicholas & Partners but as to Seaven hundred & sixty pounds of tobacco the remainder he cannot gainsay for that he oweth the same to them the said Nicholas & Partners whereupon the said Nicholas & Partners remaine against the said John thereof undefended Therefore it is granted by the Court the foure & twentieth day of May 1676 that the said Nicholas Goodridge and Partners recover against the said John Wells aswell the said summe of seaven hundred and sixty pounds of tobacco the debt aforesaid as also the summe of six hundred fifty One pounds of tobacco costs of suite :

Nicholas Goodridge & Partners ag ^t John Wells	}	John Wells late of Kent County otherwise called John Wells of the Province of Maryland in Kent County gent was Sumoned to answer unto Nicholas Goodridge & Partners merchants of a plea that he render unto them the full & just summe of Seaven & twenty hundred fifty six pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco & caske which he oweth & unjustly deteineth.
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And whereupon the said Nicholas Goodridge & Partners by George Parker their Attorney say that whereas the said John Wells the foure