

summe of five hundred seventy four pounds of tobacco costs of Liber N N suite.

James Neale }  
 ag<sup>t</sup> } Robert Thompson late of Charles County Gent  
 Robert Thompson } otherwise called Robert Thompson of Charles  
 County Inholder was Sumōned to answer unto  
 James Neale Senior of a plea that he render unto  
 him the full & just quantity of eight thousand foure hundred pounds  
 weight of good Sound merchantable leafe tobacco in caske which  
 to him he oweth & unjustly deteineth.

And whereupon the said James by Robert Ridgely his Attorney saith that whereas the said Robert the eighth day of November 1675 by his certaine bill obligatory sealed with the seale of him the said Robert & here in Court produced whose date is the day & yeare aforesaid did acknowledge himselfe to owe & stand justly indebted unto the said James in the full & just quantity of eight thousand & foure hundred pounds weight of good Sound merchantable leafe tobacco in caske to be paid to the Said James Neale his heirs execut<sup>rs</sup> or adm<sup>rs</sup> at or before the first day of October next ensueing the date thereof at some convenient landing in Charles County within a quarter of a mile from the waterside and for the well & true performance thereof the Said Robert did bind himself his heirs execut<sup>rs</sup> & adm<sup>rs</sup> firmly by those p<sup>r</sup>sents Notwithstanding which the said Robert Thompson the said summe of eight thousand & foure hundred pounds weight of tobacco to him the sd James according to the tenor of the said bill Obligatory though often thereunto required hath not paid but the same to pay hath denyed & refused & to pay the same as yet doth deny and refuse whereupon the said James Neale Saith he is dampnified & hath lost to the value of twelve thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite

And the said Robert by John Jones his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force and injury when &c & Saith nothing in barr or avoidance of the action aforesaid of him the said James in forme aforesaid against him brought Whereupon it is granted by the Court here the eighth day of April 1677 That the Said James Neale recover against the said Robert Thompson aswell the summe of eight thousand foure hundred pounds of tobacco the debt aforesaid as also the summe of five hundred seventy four pounds of tobacco costs of suite.

John Allen }  
 ag<sup>t</sup> } this cause continued untill next Court  
 Robert Thompson }

Henry Mitchell }  
 ag<sup>t</sup> } Unlesse the def<sup>t</sup> appeare next Court the Sheriff of  
 John Eason } Talbott County amerced.