

Liber N N Henry Ward adm^r } John Griggs & Mary his wife executrix of the
 Rich^d Goare } last will & Testament of Richard Keene de-
 ag^t } ceased were summoned to answer unto Henry
 Jn^o Griggs & ux^r ex^x } Ward adm^r of all & singular the goods &
 Rich^d Keene } chattells of Richard Goare deceased of a plea
 that they render unto him foure thousand five
 hundred pounds of tobacco which from him they unjustly deteine.

And whereupon the said Henry by Robert Carvile his Attorney saith that whereas the said Richard Keene upon the second day of November An^o Domⁱ 1674 by his certaine bill or writing Obligatory Sealed with the seale of him the said Rich^d Keene & here in Court produced whose date is the day & yeare abovesaid did acknowledge himselfe to be holden & firmly bound unto Richard Goare deceased in the full & just quantity of foure thousand five hundred pounds of prime good Sound arranocco leafe tobacco in caske to be paid to the said Richard Goare or to his certaine Attorney his heirs execut^{rs} adm^{rs} or assignes upon or before the tenth day of October next ensueing the date of the said bill at some convenient place in Talbott County To which payment well & truly to be made he bound himselfe his heirs ex^{rs} & adm^{rs} by those p^rsents Yet the said Richard Keene in his life time nor the said Mary since his death while she was sole or the said John or Mary since their intermarriage the said summe of foure thousand five hundred pounds of tobacco to him the said Richard Goare in his life time or to the said Henry since his death though often thereunto requested have not paid or Satisfied but the same to pay have hitherto denyed & refused and Still doe deny & refuse to the damage of the said Henry ten thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite And the said Henry bringeth into Court here his Letters of Administration by which it may appeare to the Court here That he is Administrator.

p. 285 And the said John Griggs & Mary his wife by Robert Ridgely their Attorney come & defend the force & injury when &c & say that the said Henry Ward his action aforesaid against them ought not to have because they say that the said Richard Goare deceased in this Province intestate, & without any heire of his blood, whereby all & Singular his goods & chattells to the Lord Propry of this Province did appurteine & the said Lord Propry the said summe of foure thousand five hundred pounds of tobacco in the declaration Specified in the hands of the said Richard Keene deceased did seize & the same out of the hands of the said Richard did take & this they are ready to averr & thereupon the said John & Mary demand judgm^t if the said Henry his action aforesaid can mainteine & of this they putt himselfe upon the judgment of the Court and the plaintiff also. Which said plea being over-ruled by the Court the defendants produce a certaine obligation of the said Richard Goare under his hand & seale dated the six & twentieth of february 1674 for eight hun-