

Liber N N Robert Ridgely } Arthur Carleton administrator of all and  
                   ag<sup>t</sup> } singular the goods Chattells Rights and  
 Arthur Carleton adm<sup>r</sup> } Credits which were of Thomas Carleton late  
                   Thomas Carleton } of Cecil County Gent deceased was by a writ  
   } of priviledge issueing Out of this Court at-  
 tached to answer unto Robert Ridgely One of the Attornyes of this  
 Court & of a plea of trespas upon the case.

And whereupon the said Robert in his proper person Complaineth that whereas the said Thomas Carleton in his life time to wit the thirteenth day of December in the 43<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius &c Annoq; Doñ 1674 at s<sup>t</sup> Maries Citty in the Province aforesaid did reteine him the said Robert to prosecute a certaine suite in the Provinciall Court upon an action of debt against One John Cock of Baltemore County planter in consideration whereof the said Thomas did assume upon himselfe & to the Said Robert did faithfully promise that he the said Thomas would well and truly Satisfie and pay unto him the said Robert So much as he should deserve for his labour travell skill Councell & advice in & about & concerning the prosecution of the said Suite when thereunto required And the Said Robert in fact Saith that he the said Robert did sue forth of the Provinciall Court a certaine Capias to the Sheriff of Baltemore County directed and returnable before the justices of the Provinciall Court the ninth day of february then next following against him the said John Cock at the suite of him the Said Thomas Carleton in the action aforesaid & upon the same did file a declaration against the said John Cock on the behalfe of the said Thomas as by the Records thereof in the said Provinciall Court remaineing doth appeare & the said Robert in fact saith that the said Thomas ought to pay unto him the said Robert for such his labor travell Skill Councel and advice as his Attorney in the said case the summe of foure hundred pounds of tobacco according to a certaine Act of Assembly in that case provided notwithstanding which the said Thomas in his life time now the said Arthur since his death to whom administration of all & Singular the goods Chattells and Credits of the said Thomas Since his death was Committed the said foure hundred pounds of tobacco to him the said Robert have not paid nor him for the same in any manner contented or Satisfied though often thereunto required but the same to pay have refused & denied & Still doe refuse & deny to the damage of the Said Robert eight hundred pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite.

And the said Arthur by Mathew Warde his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force and injury when &c and prayeth liberty of Speakeing hereunto untill the next Court and the Same day is given to both partycs. Afterwards to wit the twelfth day of february Anno One thousand Six hundred Seventy five Came the said Robert in his proper person (came likewise) & offered himselfe against the