

hundred a twenty pounds of tobacco the debt aforesaid as also the  
 summe of five hundred & sixty pounds of tobacco costs of suite and  
 the said John Cocke in mercy. Liber N N

Stephen Murty } John Saunders late of Charles County merchant  
 ag<sup>t</sup> } otherwise called John Sanders of Bristoll in the  
 John Saunders } Kingdome of England merchant was sumōned to  
 answer unto Stephen Murty of a plea that he render  
 unto him the just & neate quantity of six thousand pounds of tobacco  
 which to him he oweth & unjustly deteineth

And thereupon the said Stephen Murty by Robert Ridgely his  
 Attorney saith That whereas the said John saunders the seventeenth  
 day of January One thousand six hundred seventy six by his cer-  
 taine writing Obligatory sealed with the seale of him the said John  
 and here in Court produced whose date is the day and yeare afore-  
 said did acknowledge and confesse himselfe to be oweing and justly  
 indebted unto the said Stephen in the just and neate quantity of  
 three thousand pounds of good Sound merchantable leafe tobacco  
 & caske to be paid [at a convenient place in] S<sup>t</sup> Maries County or  
 Charles County On all demands [bein]g [fo]r [a valu]able con-  
 sideracoñ received in hand, to be paid to the Said Stephen Murty  
 [his] heirs execut<sup>rs</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> or assignes To the which payment well  
 & [truly] to be made & done the said John Saunders did bind him-  
 selfe his he[irs execut]<sup>rs</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> or assignes in the penall quantity of  
 Six thousand pounds of [tobo] notwithstanding which the Said  
 John Saunders the Said Summe of six thousand pounds of tobacco  
 according to the tenor of the said bill obligatory though often de-  
 manded to the Said Stephen hath not paid but the same to pay and  
 Satisfic hath denyed and as yct doth deny by reason whercof action  
 hath accrued to the Said Stephen to require & have of the Said John  
 the said Summe of six thousand pounds of tobacco according to the  
 tenor of the writing obligatory aforesaid & thereupon he produceth  
 his Suite.

And the said John Saunders by John Jones his Attorney cometh &  
 defendeth the force and injury when &c and prayed liberty to imparle  
 hereunto untill the next Court & thereupon the Said Stephen by his  
 said Attorney prayed speciall baile to the action aforesaid and it is  
 granted him & thereupon day was given to both parties untill the  
 next Court.

Att which next Court to wit the fifth day of October Annoꝝ Doñ  
 One thousand six hundred seventy seaven Came the said Stephen by  
 his said Attorney and offered himselfe In the action aforesaid against  
 the said John Saunders but the Said John Came not but made de-  
 fault Whereupon it is granted by the Court here That the Said  
 Stephen recover against the said John aswell the Summe of six  
 thousand pounds of tobacco the debt aforesaid as also five hundred p. 385