

VanSweringen as well the sume of ffoureteen thousand pounds of tobacco debt As also ffive hundred fifty eight p^{ds} of tobacco costs of suite Liber N N

John Paler } Thomas Robinson late of S^t Maryes County other-
 ag^t } wise called Thomas Robinson of the County of
 Tho: Robinson } S^t Maryes planter was sumoned to answer unto
 John Paler in a plea that he render unto him the
 sume of ffoure thousand p^{ds} of tob^b & cask which to him he oweth
 & unjustly detaineth

And whereupon the said John Paler by Nehemiah Blakiston his Attorney saith, that whereas the said Thomas Robinson the twenty fifth day of October One thousand six hundred seventy seven by his certaine bond or writeing obligatory sealed with the Seale of him the said Thomas Robinson & here in Court produced whose date is the day & yeare abovesaid, did confesse & acknowledge himselfe to be holden & firmly bounden unto the said John Paler in the full & just sume or quantity of foure thousand pounds of good sound M^rchantable tobacco in cask to be paid to the said John Paler or to his certaine Attorney his Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} or assignes in some convenient place upon S^t Clements Hundred in the County aforesaid upon demand, for the which paym^t well & truely to be made the said Thomas did binde himselfe his Ex^{rs} & Adm^{rs} firmly by those p^rsents Yet notwithstanding the said Thomas Robinson the said sume of foure thousand p^{ds} of tobacco in cask to him the said John Paler according to the tenour of the said bond though often thereunto required hath not paid or satisfied, but the same to pay hath hitherto & still doth deny & refuse to the damage of the said John Paler Eight thousand p^{ds} of tobacco & thereupon he brings his suite.

And the said Thomas Robinson by Robert Carvile his Attorney comes & defends the force & injury when &c & prayeth the hearing of the said writeing obligatory & itt is read unto him, he also prayeth the hearing of the Condition of the said writeing obligatory & itt is read unto him in these words. The condicon of this obligacon is such that if the above bounden his Ex^{rs} or Adm^{rs} or assignes doe buy & deliver unto the said John Paler one new hand man Servant betwixt seventeen & twenty three yeares old being a healthfull & sound hand within fifteen or twenty dayes after arrival of the first Shipp in Wiccocomico River in the County aforesaid with Servants in her to be sold, that then this p^rsent obligacon to be void & of none effect Or else to remaine in full power force & vertue Which being read & heard the said Thomas Robinson by his Attorney aforesaid prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaall Court & itt is granted unto him, the Same day is given to the p^r also

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Now here att this day to witt the Eighteenth day of June in the third yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq