

vinciall Court of this Province in an accon of trespas on the case, Liber N N  
 And declared ag<sup>t</sup> him upon the said noat And in April Court last  
 upon tryall of the cause suffered a nonsuite, by means of which  
 unjust vexation he the said W<sup>m</sup> Nicholls is much damnified & hath  
 losse to the Value of five thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he  
 bringeth his suite.

And the said Richard Royston by Kenelm Cheseldyn his Attorney  
 doth come & defend the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty  
 to imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaall Court & itt is granted  
 unto him the same day is given to the p<sup>t</sup> also.

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  
 Doni 1678 came the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid And  
 the said Richard by his said Attorney saith that he is not guilty of  
 the p<sup>r</sup>misses in manner & forme as the said W<sup>m</sup> hath above declared  
 ag<sup>t</sup> him & of this he putts himselfe upon the Countrey & the said  
 p<sup>t</sup> likewise Therefore itt is comanded the Sheriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes p. 630  
 County that he cause to come here twelve &c by whom &c who  
 neither &c to recognize &c because aswell &c Att which said Eight-  
 eenth day of June in the yeare aforesaid came the said parties by  
 their Attorneys aforesaid And the jurors impannelled being called  
 likewise came to witt Tho: Stagg, Benja Hunt, Edmond Dennis,  
 Richard Keene, Rob<sup>t</sup> Ellys, Edward Turner, Tho: Smith, Henry  
 Parker, Edward Cooke, John Dickson Daniel Clocker & Tho: Ben-  
 net who being elected tryed & sworne to say the truth in the p<sup>r</sup>misses  
 upon their Oaths doe say that the said Richard Royston is not guilty  
 of the trespas upon the case in manner & forme as the said Wm  
 Nichols hath above declared ag<sup>t</sup> him Therefore itt is granted by the  
 Court here that the said Richard Royston recover ag<sup>t</sup> the said W<sup>m</sup>  
 Nichols the sume of Nine hundred & twenty p<sup>d</sup>s of tobacco for his  
 costs & charges by him about his defence in this behalfe laid out &  
 expended to the said Richard by the discretion of the justices here  
 adjudged And the said W<sup>m</sup> in mercy for his false claime

John Hartwell ag <sup>t</sup> Tho: Helgar	}	Thomas Helgar late of Charles County Innholder was Sumoned to answer unto John Hartwell in a plea that he render unto him the sume of six thou- sand two hundred thirty nine p <sup>d</sup> s of tobacco which to him he oweth & unjustly detaineth
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And whereupon the said John Hartwell by Kenelm Cheseldyn his  
 Attorney saith, that whereas the said Thomas Helgar the twentieth  
 day of Septemb<sup>r</sup> in the yeare of our Lord One thousand six hundred  
 seventy seven by his certaine writing obligatory sealed with the seale  
 of the said Thomas here in Court produced whose date is the same  
 day & yeare above written did oblige himselfe his heyres Ex<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup>  
 to pay unto the said John Hartwell of the County aforesaid to him