

Clement would for the purchase of the said Land not only acquitt and discharge the said Abraham of & from a certaine debt of six hundred pounds of tobacco due from the Said Abraham to the said Clement as also from the Publique & County Levy for the yeare last past being 1676 & which amounted to two hundred ninty Seven pounds of tobacco but also would well & truly pay unto him the said Abraham or his Order the summe of six thousand pounds of tobacco at the next Cropp of tobacco when thereunto requested And the Said Abraham in fact saith that according to the agreement aforesaid & at the earnest request & desire of the said Clement Hill he the said Abraham Rhodes did with his wife travell from his house in the County aforesaid to the County Court of the County aforesaid held On the first tuesday of August to seale execute & in Open Court acknowledge a Dēed of bargaine & Sale of the said Land, to be drawne & p^rpared by the said Clement and did tender himselfe & wife ready to doe the Same, but the said Clement Sayed he had not time to draw the Same & desired the said Abraham & his wife to meet him at the then next Provinciaall Court at the City of s^t Maryes whither he would bring a deed ready drawne, & accordingly the said Abraham & his wife did travell to the said Provinciaall Court held in November 1676 & offered themselves ready to Seale & execute any assurance of the said land, & demanded a discharge for the said six hundred pounds of tobacco debt and the two hundred ninty Seven pounds of tobacco Levyes as also to pay the said Six thousand pounds of tobacco according to the agreement aforesaid but the said Clement did Still beare the Said Abraham in hand pretending he had not time as yet to drawne & prepare the same, but desired the Said Abraham & his wife to come to the then next County Court to be held for the Said County the first tuesday in January following & upon their sealeing & executeing of a deed of sale of the said Land he would release him of the debts & Levyes aforesaid & also pay unto him the said Abraham the said summe of six thousand pounds of tobacco, & accordingly the Said Abraham & his wife did goe againe to the said County Court & tendred themselves ready to seale & execute the Said Deed Yet neverthelesse the said Clement his promise & assumption aforesaid litle regarding but deviseing & fradulently intending him the said Abraham in this behalfe craftily & Subtilly to defraud & deceive he the Said Clement hath not Only denyed and refused to release & discharge the said Abraham of the debt of six hundred pounds of tobacco aforesaid & levyes of two hundred ninty seven pounds of tobacco aforesaid though often thereunto requested but also the said summe of six thousand pounds of tobacco to him the said Abraham to pay and satisfie according to his promise aforesaid though often also thereunto requested he the Said Clement hath altogether absolutely denyed & refused & Still doth deny and refuse to the damage of the said Abraham twenty thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite.

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