

Liber N N of the said Charles in Caecil County aforesaid he being then High Sheriff of the same County & haveing then in his custody Severall bonds bills & accompts of & belonging to the said merchants & Others & by them in his custody intrusted to impower him the said Edward the better to collect & gett in their debts aforesaid & the same being well Knowne to the Said Charles & he the said Charles minding & intending to deprive the said Edward of his employment & to bring him into discredit & disgrace with his Said Employers & Others He the said Charles upon the said 4<sup>th</sup> day of May aforesaid at the house of him the said Charles in Cecil County aforesaid upon him the said Edward then & there being by force and armes made an assault & One bagg then hanging by his side in which were all his papers and concernes touching the management of the imployment of Receiver as aforesaid together also with all the said papers writeings & accompts did take away from him the Said Edward & the same from him did deteine & Keepe so as the said Edward for want of the said papers & writeings lost the Opportunity of receiveing & collecting his tobaccoes aforesaid & by meanes whereof his Salery of ten PCent & also the employment of collecting & receiveing tobacco to the great damage of the said Edward & whereupon he Saith he is dampnified & hath losse to the value of fifty thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite.

And whereupon the Said Charles James by Christopher Rousby his Attorney cometh and defendeth the force & injury when &c & Saith that as to the makeing of an assault with force & armes upon him the said Edward & also the takeing away One bagg then hanging by the Side of him the said Edward with all the papers writeings & accompts therein, he the Said Charles is in no wise guilty in manner & forme as the aforesaid Edward hath above against him complained & of this he putts himselfe upon the Country, and as to the residue of the trespas aforesaid above supposed to be done, he the said Charles saith That the said Edward ought not thereupon to have his action aforesaid because he Saith that true it is that at the time aforesaid wherein the trespas aforesaid is supposed to be done to wit the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1676 and for a certaine time before and after he the said Charles was High Sheriff of Cecil County and that dureing that time to wit the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1676 he the Said Charles James received a certaine precept or warrant under the hand of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Calvert Esq; principal Secretary of Maryland & One of his Lopps Hon<sup>bl</sup> Councill the tenor whereof followeth in these words vizt These are in the name of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary to will and require you that upon Sight hereof you take into your Custody the body of Edward Pynn late Sub-Sheriff of Cecil County with all Such bookes and accompts as he hath been entrusted with to receive by his Lopp Upon his Lopps accompt the publique or any of his Lopps Officers so that you have his body with