

Liber N N boy Servant had no Indentures but was to serve according to the Custome of the Countrey according to the Act in that case made & provided And the said Henry giveing credit by the Informacōn of the said John Cornish he did buy of the said John the said boy Servant for the Sumē of fifteen hundred pounds of tobacco by him sufficiently secured to be paid And the said John Cornish by his writeing under his hand bearing date the day & yeare abovesaid & here ready to be produced did bargaine & Sell unto the said Henry the said boy Servant & did warrant the sale of him for the Custome
 p. 773 of the Countrey Or otherwise the said John did promise to take his said boy servant againe, & to returne back the bill past by the said Henry for the said ffifteen hundred pounds of tobacco And the said Henry in fact saith, that he did upon that account & no other receive the said Servant And that afterwards he carryed the said boy Servant being about fourteen yeares of age to the Court of Dorchester County to be judged And the said Servant did then make itt appeare to the Court that the said Servant had an Indenture & was to serve but foure yeares, whereby the said Henry upon the bargaine & Sale & warranty aforesaid was very much deceived & defrauded & ought to haue restitucōn for his bill past for the said ffifteene hundred pounds of tobacco Yet notwithstanding the said John his promise aforesaid little regarding but deviseing & fraudulently intending him the said Henry in this case craftily & subtly To defraud & deceive he the said John in his life tyme nor the said Thomas since his death though often thereunto requested have not only denied to take the said Servant againe & deliver back the said bill past by the said Henry, but the said Thomas hath caused the said Henry to be sued upon the same, to the dañage of the said Henry three thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite

And the said Thomas Snell by W^m Crosse his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaall Court & itt is granted unto him, the same day is giuen to the p^t also

Now here att this day to witt the thirteenth day of March in the fourth yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltmore &c Annoq̄ Doni 1678 cometh the said Henry Hooper by his Attorney aforesaid, And offereth himselfe against the said Thomas Snell in the plea aforesaid, but the said Thomas cometh not but maketh default, therefore itt is considered by the Court here, that the said Henry Hooper recover against the said Thomas Snell Adm^r as aforesaid his dañages sustained by occasion of the p^rmisses, but because itt is not known to the Court here what damages the said Henry hath sustained in this behalfe Therefore itt is Ordered that a writt of Inquiry of dañages issue returnable att the next Provinciaall Court