

tobacco & money for Sheriffes & Clerkes fees & other expences & charges in his Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> and for purgeing & exonerating discharging & defending his innocency against the malicious false & wicked prosecution of the said Edward against him as aforesaid And also his Neighbours & Clients to whom the innocency of the said Nehemiah in this part was unknown have daily more & more refused & yet doe refuse & withdraw themselves from the company and familiarity of the said Nehemiah, by reason whereof the said Nehemiah hath endured many labours miseries & troubles as well in his imprisonm<sup>t</sup> as aforesaid, as also by his being much grieved troubled unquitted & perplexed in his minde in & about the same, to the damage of the said Nehemiah of One hundred thousand pound of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his suite

And the said Edward Husbonds by George Parker his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaill Court & itt is granted unto him, the same day is give to the plaintiffe also

Now here att this day to witt the thirteenth day of March in the fourth yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq Doni 1678 cometh as well the said Nehemiah Blakiston as the said Edward Husbonds by their Attorney aforesaid And the said Edward by his said Attorney saith that the said Nehemiah Blakiston his action aforesaid against him ought not to have, because he saith that the twelfth day of June One thousand six hundred Seventy eight att the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes att a Provinciaill Court then & there held before his Lordpps Justices thereunto assigned, by Recognizance bound did giue in Evidence to the great Inquest then & there charged & sworne to inquire for the body of the said Province of certaine Articles to them delivered, then & there for the said Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> in the same Province comitted against the said Edward Husbonds of & upon a certaine Indictm<sup>t</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> him the said Nehemiah to the jurors aforesaid then & there exhibitted for that he the said Nehemiah Blakiston the twenty sixth day of March in the first yeare of his Lordpps Dominion & in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred Seventy & six at Mattapany in S<sup>t</sup> Clements Manno<sup>r</sup> in the County aforesaid the said hatt called a ffrench hatt & one perriwigg to the value of three pounds eight shillings ster<sup>l</sup> then & there from the person of the said Edward with force & armes feloniously did take & carry away contrary to his Lordpps peace &c Whereupon the jurors aforesaid the jurors aforesaid the said bill of Indictm<sup>t</sup> to them against the said Nehemiah Blakiston as aforesaid exhibitted, did present the said bill to be true as itt was lawfull for them to doe. Without that, that any malice was before had between the said Edward Husbonds & Nehemiah Blakiston to indict him the said Nehemiah falsely & maliciously of & upon the said p<sup>r</sup>misses made as the said Nehemiah above against him doth complaine And this he is ready to prove,

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