

W<sup>m</sup> Chandler then Sheriffe of Charles County aforesaid, to be by him the said W<sup>m</sup> in safe custody kept untill he had given speciall baile to Answer the aforesaid action of the said John Machen for the foure hundred pounds sterling aforesaid By verture of which said order of Court the said W<sup>m</sup> Chandler then Sheriffe of Charles County aforesaid the said ffourteenth day of ffebruary the same John Sanders into his hands & custody did take, & him the said John Sanders by Vertue of the same order of Court afterwards to witt the Sixteenth day of ffebruary aforesaid att the dwelling house of him the said W<sup>m</sup> Chandler in Charles County aforesaid he the said W<sup>m</sup> Chandler then Sheriffe of Charles County aforesaid had held & detained And the said John Machen further saith, that afterwards to witt the twenty sixth day of ffebruary aforesaid he the said W<sup>m</sup> Chandler then Sheriffe of Charles County aforesaid att the dwelling house of the said William in Charles County aforesaid did Voluntarily suffer the said John Sanders to goe att large & make his Escape forth of the Custody of him the said W<sup>m</sup> Chandler without the knowledge & Licence or consent of him the said John Machen, He the said John Sanders not haveing paid the said debt of foure hundred pounds sterling, or produced or given speciall baile to answer the aforesaid action of him the said John Machen according to the tenour forme & effect of the aforesaid order of Court now remaining upon Record in the Secretaryes Office of this Province By reason whereof he the said John Machen not only of his action aforesaid against him the said John Sanders is altogether frustrated & disappointed, but also by the skulking & absconding of him the said John Sanders in places unknown occasioned by the Escape aforesaid so permitted by the said W<sup>m</sup> Chandler then Sheriffe of Charles County as aforesaid, he the said John Machen is utterly defeated of his debt aforesaid, and totally disabled to recover the same of him the said John Sanders, whereupon he saith that he is the worse & hath daĩnage to the Value of five hundred pounds sterling and thereupon he brings his suite.

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And the said W<sup>m</sup> Chandler by Robert Ridgely his Attorney doth come & defend the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Provintiall Court & itt is granted unto him, the same day is given to the plaintiffe also

Now here att this day to witt the Sixth day of June in the fourth yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq̄ Doni 1679 cometh as well the said plaintiffe as the said Defend<sup>t</sup> by their Attorneys aforesaid And the said Defend<sup>t</sup> by his said Attorney saith, he is in no wise guilty of the p<sup>r</sup>misses above by the said John Machen imposed upon him in manner & forme as the said John hath declared against him, & of this he putts himselfe upon the Countrey And the plaintiffe also Therefore itt is comāded the Sheriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes County that he cause to come here twelve &c by whom