

Liber W. C. of february in the yeare aforesaid came the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid & the Jurors impannelled being called Likewise came, (to witt) Thomas Cosden Joseph Tilley, William Thomas, Marmaduke Semme, Samuel Holdsworth, Jn^o King John Atkey, Thomas Sedwick, George Holland, Robert Mason, Francis Corbett, and Richard Marsham Who being elected tryed and sworne to say the truth in the p^rmisses upon their oaths doe say, That the said Elizabeth Letchworth is guilty of the premisses above by the said Barnard Johnson imposed upon her, and they assesse the damage of the said Barnard to Two hundred pounds of tobacco, Therefore itt is Considered, that the said Barnard Johnson Recover against the said Elizabeth Letchworth, aswell the sume of two hundred pounds of tobacco damages by the Jurors aforesaid in fforme aforesaid assessed, as alsoe sixteen hundred twenty eight pounds of Tobacco for Costs of suite, And the Defend^t in mercy &c

W ^m Steevens	} Thomas skillington late Under sheriffe of Talbott County was attached to answeare unto
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Thomas skillington	

William steevens of a plea of trespas upon the case

And whereupon the said William by Robert Ridgely his Attorney complaineth that whereas by a Certaine act of Assembly made att a gen^l assembly begun and held at the City of s^t Maryes the sixteenth day of May 1676, Itt was amongst other things Enacted, By the Right hono^{ble} the Lord Proprietary wth the advise and consent of the upper and Lower houses of that present gen^l Assembly, that from and after the Publicacōn thereof noe officer or officers there-
 p. 126 after mentioned in that p^rsent Act, their Ministers servants or Deputyes, by reason or collour of his or their Office or offices, have receive or take of any pson or psons, directly or indirectly any other fees then by the same Act is thereafter limited & allowed to the seav^l Officers thereafter mencōned, And in case any shall doe contrary directly or indirectly to the said Act shall loose and forfeit to the party greived treble damages, and shall also forfeit the sume of six thousand pounds of tobacco or fferty pounds sterling ffor everytime hee or they shall soe doe contrary the one moyety to the Lord Proprietary his heires & successors. & the other moyety to the party and parties that shall sue for the same by any plaint action suite bill or informacōn wherein noe Essoyne pteccōn or wager of Lawe shall bee allowed as by the same Act remaining upon Record Relacon being thereunto had more fully and more at large it doth and may appeare. The said William steevens in fact saith that the said Thomas skillington being und^r sheriffe of the said County of Talbott the third day of May 1678 the said Att not ffearing nor the penalties in the same contained not at all Regarding, One hundred pounds of tobacco ffor secretarys fees for searching the Records, under colour of his Office did take Extort and receive under p^rtence