

the statute aforesaid, And that the said Gerrard may Come here into Court and Answer the Premises Liber W. C.

And the said Gerrard Slye by Christopher Rousby his Attorney specially Admitted by the favour of this Court Cometh and 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 given to the p<sup>t</sup> alsoe,

Now here att this day to witt the fourteenth day of May in the ffifth yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq<sup>o</sup> Domini 1680, Came the s<sup>d</sup> partyes by their Attornyes aforesaid, and the said Gerrard by his said Attorney Prayeth hearing of the said Information, and Itt is Read unto him, W<sup>ch</sup> being read and by him Understood the said Gerrard Complaineth him by Collour of the p<sup>r</sup>misses to bee greivously molested, and that unjustly, And that the said Information & the matters therein Contained are Utterly uncertaine Imperfect and Insufficient in the Lawe. To w<sup>ch</sup> hee the said Gerrard is not obleiged by the Lawe of the Land to make answer unto, and therefore the said Gerrard Prayeth Judgment of the writt and Information aforesaid

(1) ffirst for that Itt is sayd in the same Informacon That the said Gerrard Slye the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill 1678 Did demand Receive and take from the said Abraham Blagg the sumes following for ffees due to him the said Gerrard, and by him p<sup>r</sup>tended to bee p<sup>d</sup> to seav<sup>ll</sup> officers Viz ffor Impannelling a Jury 240<sup>th</sup> Tobacco, sumoneing the Evidences 720<sup>th</sup> Tobacco Officers ffees 988<sup>th</sup> Tobacco, To the Cryer for the Jury 288<sup>th</sup> Tobacco swearing the Evidences 144<sup>th</sup> Tobacco, and to the Jury 240<sup>th</sup> Tobacco, But it is not Expressly and particularly sett Downe What ffees or sumes of Tobacco hee the said Gerrard Received as due to himselfe as sheriffe, And what is pretended to bee Due to other officers And as to what is said to bee p<sup>r</sup>tended to bee due to or paid to officers Wherew<sup>th</sup> the said Gerrard is Promiscuously Charged as aforesaid, The said Gerrard sayth that the same is not sufficiently warranted by the Act for Limitacon of officers ffees, for that the said Act sayth noe officer or officers by Collour of his or their office or offices Shall haue receive or take any other ffees &c, but the Receiveing and takeing of ffees by a sheriffe due to other officers and soe declared to bee Cannot bee understood to bee taken by Collour of the Sheriffes office, but rather by Collour of such officers office or offices to whome such ffee or ffees are said to bee due, and therefore the same is not w<sup>th</sup>in Compas of the said Act for Limitacon of officers ffees

(2) The said Informer in his said Informacon saith the said Gerrard Received for officers ffees 988<sup>th</sup> Tobacco, but doth not name the said officers or Expresse what office or offices they held or what Court or Courts they belonged to, and Itt is not unlawfull for sheriffes (any more then other persons) to demand and Collect other officers ffees (w<sup>th</sup> their Consents) and If the same happen