

the said County of St Maryes County Att Bushwood aforesaid the said Robert Neale out of his Custody and Contrary to the will & w<sup>th</sup>out the Lycence of the said William Smith the said William Smith of his said debt of Two thousand Six hundred pounds of Tobacco and five hundred forty foure pounds of tobacco costs not being Satisfyed, Did suffer freely to goe at large whether hee would. to the manifest danger of the looseing of the debt aforesaid, for that hee doth Lurke and wander in places to the said William Smith Unknowne, Soe that the said William his debt and Costs aforesaid Cannot Leavy and Recover, **Whereupon** hee sayth hee is the worse and hath dammage to the Vallue of Six thousand pounds of Tobacco And thereupon hee bringeth his Suite

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And the said Gerrard by Robert Ridgely his Attorney cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when &c and prayeth Liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Prov<sup>l</sup> Court and It is granted unto him the same day is given to the plantiffe Likewise

Now here att this day to witt the thirtyeth day of November in the fifth yeare of the dominion of the Right hono<sup>ble</sup> Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq Doni 1680 Came the said partyes by their Attorneys aforesaid, & the said Gerrard by his said Attorney sayth That hee is in noe wise guilty of the p<sup>r</sup>misses above imposed upon him in manner & forme as the said William above in his declaracōn against him hath Complained and of this hee puts himself upon y<sup>e</sup> Country and the plantiffe also. It is therefore Comanded the Sheriffe of St Maryes County that hee Cause to Come here Twelve &c by whome &c & who Neither &c To Recognize &c because aswell &c

On w<sup>ch</sup> said thirtyeth day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> in the yeare aforesaid came the said ptyes by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the Juro<sup>rs</sup> impannelled being Called likewise came (To witt) Thomas Pattison John Smith, W<sup>m</sup> Watts, W<sup>m</sup> Smithson John Martindale, James Pencoate, James Derumple, John Hartwell, Thomas Beale, Thomas Cokes Tho Simpson & Jacob Loockerman who being Elected tryed and Sworne to say the truth in the p<sup>r</sup>misses. Upon their oathes doe Say That the said Gerrard Slye is guilty of the p<sup>r</sup>misses above imposed Upon him Therefore Itt is Considered that the said W<sup>m</sup> Smith Recover against the said Gerrard Slye the Summe of three thousand one hundred forty foure pounds of tobacco damages by the Juro<sup>rs</sup> aforesaid in forme aforesaid assessed, as also one thousand ffifty Two pounds of Tobacco costs of Suite, & the deft in Mercy &c

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Gerrard Slye	}	Jn <sup>o</sup> Paler late of the County of St Maryes otherwise ag <sup>t</sup> Called John Paler of St Maryes County plant <sup>r</sup> was Sumoned to answ <sup>r</sup> unto Gerrard Slye of a plea that hee Rend <sup>r</sup> unto him the full & Just summe of one thou- sand ffive hundred eighty nine pounds of bright Marchantable To- bacco and Casq <sup>z</sup> w <sup>ch</sup> to him hee oweth and Unjustly detaineth
Jn <sup>o</sup> Paler		