

Liber W. C. Jn^o Bird & Eliz^a his wife Ex^x
of Henry Lewis
ag^t

Theophilus Hackett & Alice his wife
Adm^{ix} of Edward Skidmore

} Theophilus Hacket late of Ann
Arundell County Cordwayner
and Alice his wife Adm^x of
the goods Chattles & debts of
Edward Skidmore deceased
were attached to answe^re unto

John Bird and Elizabeth his wife Ex^x of the Last will and Testa-
ment of Henry Lewis deceased of a plea of Trespasse upon the Case

And Whereupon the said John Bird and Elizabeth his wife
by George Parker their Attorney Complaine, That whereas the said
Henry Lewis in his life time att seaverall dayes and times, (to witt)
from the fourteenth day of ffebruary w^{ch} was in the yeare of our
Lord god 1674 untill the ninth day of August w^{ch} was in the yeare
of our Lord god 1677, att the speciall instance and request of him
the said Edward Skidmore in his life time had sold and delivered
unto him the said Edward Seaverall goods wares & Marchandizes,
a Pticuler whereof is here in Court pduced, Amounting in the whole
to the Sume of Two thousand Two hundred and five pounds of
Tobacco, In Considera^on whereof the said Edward Skidmore did
assume upon himself, and to the said Henry Lewis did faithfully
pmise That hee the said Edward when thereunto required the said
sume of Two thousand Two hundred & five pounds of Tobacco well
and faithfully would Content satisfy and pay And the said John
p. 335 Bird and Elizabeth his wife, in ffact Say, That the said Henry
Lewis in his life time Trusting to the faithfull pmise & Assumption
of him the said Edward Skidmore in his life time made as afores^d
Did sell and deliver unto him the said Edward Seaverall goods wares
and Marchandizes Amounting in the whole to the sume of Two thou-
sand two hundred and five pounds of Tobacco. Yet Neverthelesse
the said Edward Skidmore his promise and assumption soe as afore-
said made Little regarding, but endeavo^ring and fraudulently in-
tending him the said Henry Lewis in his life time Craftily and
subtilly to deceive and defraude, The said Edward the said sume of
Two thousand Two hundred and five pounds of Tobacco to the said
Henry in his life time did not pay, Nor the said Alice after the
death of the said Edward while She was Sole to the said Elizabeth
since the death of the said Henry while she was Sole The said
Sume of Two thousand Two hundred and five pounds of Tobacco
did not pay. Nor the said Theophilus Hacket and Alice his now
wife to whome Letters of Administra^on of the goods and Chattles
of the said Edw^d were granted, to the said John Bird and Elizabeth
his wife since Espousall between them Celebrated have not paid.
To whome Letters Testamentary of the goods & Chattles of the said
Henry Lewis have beene granted Although often thereunto required,
But the same to pay have denyed and Still doe denye Whereupon the
Said John Bird and Elizabeth his wife Say that they are the worse