

aforesaid Sume of Thirteene thousand Six hundred Ninety & six Liber W. C.
 pounds of tobacco debt as also the sume of
 pounds of tobacco for Costs of Suite. & the Deft in Mercy &c^a

Raymond Stapleford } Richard Meekins late of Dorchester County
 ag^t } Planter was attached to answere unto Ray-
 Richard Meekins } mond Stapleford of a plea wherefore with
 force and Armes the Close of him ye sd Ray-
 mond called the Reserve att Dorchester County aforesaid did breake
 & the Grasse of ye sd Raymond in the said Close growing to the
 vallue of five pounds with his feet in walking troad downe & con-
 sumed, & twenty white oake timber trees of the vallue of tenn
 pounds in the sd Close growing did fall Cutt downe and destroy,
 & other Enormities to him did doe to ye greate Damage of him
 the said Raymond Stapleford and against the Peace &c.

And Whereupon the said Raymond Stapleford by Robert Ridgely
 his Attorney Complaineth that whereas the said Richard Meekins
 the second day of June in the yeare of our Lord 1680 wth force &
 Armes the Close of him the said Raymond Called the Reserve att
 Dorchester County aforesaid did breake, & the Grasse of the said
 Raymond in the said Close growing to the Vallue of ffive Pounds
 wth his feete in walking trod downe & consumed, and twenty white
 oake Timber trees of the vallue of tenn pounds in the s^d Close grow-
 ing did fall Cutt downe and destroy & other Enormityes to him
 did doe to the Damage of him the said Raymond the sume of
 Twenty pounds sterling And thereupon he bringeth his suite:

And the said Richard Meekins by Kenelm Cheseldyn his At-
 torney Cometh and defendeth the force and injury when &c and
 Prayeth Liberty to imparle hereunto untill next provinciall Court
 & it is granted unto him ye same day is given to y^e p^{lt} also:

Now here at this day to wit the fourth day of March in ye seav-
 enth yeare of ye Dominion of the Right hono^{ble} Charles Lord Balte-
 more &c Annoq̄ Doni 1681 Came the said Richard Meekins by his
 Attorney aforesaid & sayth that as to ye comeing wth force & Armes &
 also of breaking the Close aforesaid of the said Raymond and Cut-
 ting downe the timber trees aforesaid & also the residue of the
 said trespasse he is in noe wise guilty as the said Raymond in his
 declaracōn hath above declared against him & of this he puts him-
 self upon the Country; but the said Raymond Came not but made
 default Therefore it is Considered that the said Raymond Staple-
 ford take nothing by his writ aforesaid but be in mercy for his false
 Clayme threin. and the said Richard Meekins may goe thereof
 without day. and that the said Richard Meekins Recover ag^t the s^d
 Raymond stapleford the sume of Eight hundred & sixteene pounds
 of tobacco for his Costs & charges by him about his defence in this
 behalfe Laid out & Expended & the said Richard may have thereof
 Execution