

Liber W. C. and six pence Lawfull money of England w^{ch} to him hee oweth and unjustly Detaineth, and that hee should have then and there that writt, as by the same writ Remaining upon Record doth appeare, W^{ch} said writ of the Lord Prop^{ty} against the said John Burditt at the suite of the said Nicholas Painter for the said sume of Two thousand Eight hundred Twenty eight pounds of Tobacco & seaven shillings six pence in Money Hee the said Nicholas Painter to the said Richard Ladd, Then and still being sheriffe of the said County of Calvert Att the house of the said Richard Ladd scituate upon the Cliffts in Calvert County afores^d the Twentyeth day of the same Moneth of August did Deliver in forme of Law to be Executed, And the said Nicholas Painter did acquaint the said Richard Ladd that the said John Burditt was within his Baliwick (to wit) at the house of Richard Keene in Petuxent River, and Required the said sheriffe to goe or send an Officer forthwith to serve the said writ upon the body of the said Burditt, But the said Richard Ladd the duty of his Office not Regarding, Nor his Oath taken for the true and due Execucōn thereof not at all weighing, The said writ of y^e said Lord Prop^{ty} against the said John Burdett at the suite of y^e said Nicholas Painter for the said sumes of Two Thousand eight hundred Twenty eight
p. 399 pounds of Tobacco And seaven shillings six pence in Money aforesaid, Refused and Denied to Execute, And the same writ to his Lops Justices of the Provinciaall Cort held at the City of st Maryes the ffifth day of October then next following, and by his Lopps writ of adjournm^t adjourned to the Twenty third day of November then next Ensueing, Returned, That the within Named John Burditt was not to be found within his Baliwick **Whereas** If the said Richard Ladd the Duty of his Office had regarded hee might by vertue of the said writ of Capias The body of the said Burditt have taken as by the said writ hee was Comanded, By reason whereof the said John Burditt afterwards Out of the said County of Calvert withdrew himself into places unknowne to the said Nicholas And the said Nicholas thereby is in Manifest danger his debt of Two thousand Eight hundred Twenty eight pounds of Tobacco, and seaven shillings six pence in Money to him Due from y^e said John Burdett as aforesaid Totally to loose, and of the same Utterly to be Deprived, **Whereupon** hee sayth hee is the worse and hath Damages to the Vallue of six Thousand pounds of Tobacco And thereupon hee bringeth his suite

And the said Richard Ladd by Charles Boteler his Attorney Cometh and Defendeth the force and injury when &c and prayeth liberty to Imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaall Court and it is granted unto him the same day is given to the p^{lt} Likewise

Now here at this day to wit the Nine and Twentyeth day of Aprill in the sixth yeare of the Dominion of the Right Hono^{ble} Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq3 Dominj 168i Came the said partyes by