

in the service and Employment of him the said Gerrard Slye as his Undersheriffe or Deputy as aforesaid the sume of ffoure thousand pounds of Tobacco a Yeare when he should be thereunto required, but would also pay Defray and Discharge all such his the said John Slyes necessary charges & expences by him the said John to be spent Laid out & expended in and about the service and businesse of him the said Gerrard Slye, And the said John Slye in ffact sayth that he the said John Slye trusting to the ffaithfull promisses of the said Gerrard Slye Did accept of the said Employment & Entred into the service of the said Gerrard as his Deputy or Undersheriffe as aforesaid, and Did honestly and ffaithfully serve the said Gerrard Slye for all the time hee the said Gerrard did Continue high Sheriffe of the said County of st Maryes To wit from the first day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord 1677 to the first day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord 1679 being Two Compleate yeares for w<sup>ch</sup> there became due to the said John Slye ffrom the said Gerrard Slye ffor his sallary and wages for the time aforesaid and after the rate of ffoure thousand pounds of Tobacco a Yeare the Sume of Eight thousand Pounds of Tobacco, And the said John slye ffurther in ffact sayth that he did Necessarily expend in itenerant charges & other necessary expences in attending the Provinciaall and County Courts & otherwise about the affaires and service of him the said Gerrard slye Dureing the said Two yeares the sume of One thousand ffive hundred and Two pounds of Tobacco, both w<sup>ch</sup> sumes Doe in the whole amount to the sume of Nine thousand five hundred and Two pounds of Tobacco Yet Notwithstanding the said Gerrard Slye his promise and assumption aforesaid Little regarding, but deviseing & ffraudulently intending him the said John slye in this behalfe Craftily and subtilly to deceive and Defraude The said sume of Nine thousand ffive hundred and Two pounds of Tobacco to him the said John Slye according to his promise and Assumption aforesaid though often thereunto requested hath not payd or satisfyed but the same to pay and Satisfye hath hitherto Denyed and refused & still doth denye and refuse to Satisfy and pay the same to the Damage of the said John slye Sixteene thousand pounds of Tobacco and thereupon he brings his suite

And the said Gerrard Slye by Robert Ridgely his Attorney Cometh & defendeth the force and Injury when &c and prayeth Liberty to Imparle untill the next Provinciaall Court and It is granted unto him the same Day is Given to the plantiffe likewise

Now here att this day to wit the seaventeenth day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> in the sixth yeare of the Dominion of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq Doni 1681 came the said partyes by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Gerrard Slye by his said Attorney sayth that he Did not assume and promise in manner and forme as the said John above in his Declaracōn against him hath Complained and of this he putts himself Upon the Country, and the said plantiffe

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