stance and request of the Said James by the sd John at Ann Arundell County aforesaid before that time Sold and delivered And being So thereof indebted the Said James in consideration thereof the day and year aforesaid at Ann Arundell County aforesaid Assumed upon himself and to the Sa John then and there faithfully did promise that he the Said James the aforesaid Sume of one hundred thirty four pounds five shills and Six pence Sterling to the said John when afterwards he Should be thereunto required would well and truely Content and pay Nevertheless the Said James his promise [332] and assumption aforesaid made not regarding but Contriving and fraudulently Intending the said John in this behalf Craftilly and Subtilly to deceive and defraud the Said James the Said Sume of one hundred thirty four pounds five Shillings and Six pence Sterling or any part thereof to the said John (although to doe the same the said James afterwards Vizt the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and eight at Ann Arundell County aforesaid by the said John he was thereto required) hath not paid but the Same to him to pay hitherto hath refused and Still doth refuse Whereupon the Said John Saith he is damnifyed and hath loss to the value of Two hundred and Seventy pounds Sterling and thereof he brings Suit etc.

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And the Said James Crooke by Thomas Bordley his Attorney Comes and defends the force and Injury etc. and prays leave to Imparle hereunto till next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to the plaintiff alsoe. At which Said next Court To Witt the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill Anno Domini 1715 Comes again as well the s<sup>d</sup> plft by his Attorney aforesaid as the said defendant by his Att<sup>r</sup>y aforesaid and the s<sup>d</sup> defendant by his s<sup>d</sup> Att<sup>r</sup>y prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which Said next Court to Witt the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno Domini 1715 Comes again as well the s<sup>d</sup> plaintiff by his Attorney afores<sup>d</sup> as the s<sup>d</sup> defend<sup>t</sup> by his Att<sup>r</sup>y afores<sup>d</sup> And the s<sup>d</sup> defendant by his Att<sup>r</sup>y afores<sup>d</sup> prays further leave to Imparle here unto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the plaintiff alsoe.

At which Said next Court to Witt the first day of May Anno Domini 1716 Comes again as well the said John Hyde by his Attorney aforesaid as the said James Crooke by his Attry afores And the sd James Crooke by his Attry as befores defends the [333] force and Injury when etc. And Says that he hath not assumed upon himself in Such manner and forme as the plaintiff agt him hath Complained and of this he puts himself upon the Country.

And the plaintiff likewise.

Thereupon Command is given to the Sher of Annarundell County that he Imediately cause to come here twelve etc. by whom etc. who neither etc.