

solved and Consequently the S^d Powlson left to the free Liberty of using it this Defendant Thought he Could not purchase a Bill of Exchange under better Sanction than by the Endorsement of the party to Whom Was thus Drawn and after Such Solemnities Delivered and this Defendant further Saith that after the protest of the first of the Said Bills and this Defendants Demanding it of him the Said Cockey about the 24th of December 1723 which with the Damages allowed by Law at 20 per Cent Amounted to the Sum of 720 lb Stl that the Said Cockey on the 9th Day of Jan^{ry} 1723 and often Afterw^{da} proposed payment to this Defendant and desired this Defendant to forbear Suing him for Some Time till he Could get in Bills to pay him and promist his Endeavours to Comply with the payment thereof but this Defendant after Staying Sometime till about the fifth Day of February 1723/4 thinking So large a Sum to Much to be withheld from the use of his Numerous Family and finding no Compliance put the Same Bill in Suit in the provincial Court with a Declaration in order to Tryall the first Court According to Act of Assembly in Which Court held at Annapolis about the 19th day of May Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Twenty four the S^d Thomas Cockey Appeared in his proper person and Confest Judgment in open Court to this Defendant for the 720 lb af^d and Costs of Suit for the payment of w^{ch} S^d 720 in Satisfaction of the S^d Judgment the Said drew four other Bills of Exchange of one Tenour The first of W^{ch} followeth Viz^t Maryland May the 27th 1724. Exch^a for £720. At Thirty Days Sight of my First Bill of Exchange my Second third and fourth of the Same Tenour and Date not paid pay unto Thomas Bordley Esq^r or Order the Sum of Seven hundred and Twenty Pound Sterling Value here reced and place the same to the Account of Sir Your humble Servant Tho: Cockey To M^r Jonathan Forward Merchant in London Pay the Contents to M^r W^m Hunt or order for the use of Thomas Bordley and Entered into Bond in the penalty of 1440 lb Sterling to this Defendant with W^m Rogers Mary Rogers and Robert Gordon his Sureties that if the Said Bills or any of them were duly Accepted and paid According to Tenour then the Obligation Should be Void or Else in force that it Appears by a protest in this Defendants hands ready to be produced that the first of the Said [699] Bills was protested whereby the Damage due by Law at 15 Per Cent made the S^d Cockeys Just Debt to this Defendant 828 lb Sterling besides Cost which this Defendant Demanded but the Said Cockey refused to pay and offered this Defendant One hundred Pounds Sterling if he would Spare him and Seek the Debt of his Sureties which after the S^d Cockey had repeated Severall Times Very Seriously as this Defendant Verily believes he Treated the offer with Redicule and rejected it as monstrous and about the 22^d of September 1724 proceeded to put the Said Bond in Suit Against the Said Cockey and his Sureties with a Declaration in order to Tryall the first Court to which the S^d Cockey and his Sureties Appeared in the May Court Following and pleaded payment of one of the Said last mentioned Bills