

in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundre[d] Ninety and Three Eighty hogsheads of Tobacco did take and load on boa[rd] the Said Ship Ann riding in Potuxent River before that he the Sa[id] John Blackmore had given bond with one Surety or produced Certificate according to the afore Said Act of Parliam^t Whereby the Said John Blackmore hath forfeited his Said Ship with all her Guns, Tackel Apparel, and Furniture for his unlawfull loadin[g] and taking on board the Said Ship the afore Said Tobacco aga[inst] the forme of the Statute afore Said, Whereupon the Said [12] Edward Randolph as well for our Said Sovereign Lord and Lady as for himSelf prayeth the one Moiety according to the forme of the Statute and as well for our Said Sovereign Lord and Lady as for himself prayeth the advice of the Court in the Premises and that the Said John Blackmore may come here into Court to answer.

Plater Att: Generall

And the Said John Blackmore by William Dent his Attorney cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when etc. and Saith that with the information afore Said he the Said John nor the Said Ship Ann ought to be burthened because protesting that the Said Ship Ann hath already been Prosecuted Siezed and legally discharged from the afore Said Supposed Crimes or breaches of the afore Said Statute in the information afore Said mentioned and therefore ought not to be again Molested or delayed upon the Same for Plea he Saith that he nor the Ship Ann is not guilty of the breach of the Statute afore Said in Manner and form as in the information against him is complained and of this he putteth himself upon the Country.

William Dent

And the Said Edward Randolph who as well etc: Saith That for any thing in the Plea afore Said of the information and Forfeiture aforesaid he ought not to be barred because he Saith that the Said John Blackmore and Ship Ann are Guilty of the breach of the Act of Parliam^t in manner and forme as in the information is Sett forth and this he Prays may be inquired into by the Country.

Plater Att^y Gen^l and the Defendant also:

W Dent

[13] And as to the other part of the Plea in barr he Saith that the Same is not Sufficient in Law to barr him the Said Edward, who as well etc. from the Information and Condemnation according to the form of the Statute afore Said and thereof pray's Judgment.

Plater Att^y Gen^l

Command was therefore given to the Shriffe of S^t Maries County that he cause to come here Twelve etc. by whom etc. who neither etc. to Recognize etc. because as well etc. And Now here at this day to Witt, the Thirteenth day of November 1694: Cometh as well the Said Plantiffe as the Said Defendant by their Attorneys afore Said and the Jurors therein impannelled being