

by his Attorney Henry Smith Defies the Declaration may  
be read being ready to shew what is now in Suite agt the  
Def. & Francis an Attorney upon the goods Charles & Cradock  
of Wm Gump to answer the Suite ; / ;

Sommesett for William Thomas Esq of this County was  
Attaged to answer the Suite of John B...  
in an action of Trespas upon the Cas.

And the S: John by his Attorney Henry Smith saith  
that the S: William became indebted unto the S: John the  
Summe of Six Hundred pounds of Tobacco and Cash for  
Boate Hire to transport his goods over the Bay into Virg<sup>a</sup>  
in the year 1673 but the S: William fraudulently  
intending refuse to pay the afores<sup>d</sup> Summe of Six  
Hundred pounds of Tobacco & Cash although he was  
late bin severall times demanded where by the S: John  
is Damified & late Damaged to the value of one  
Thousand two hundred pounds of Tobacco & Cash &  
thereupon brings his Suite ; & quid Henry Smith

M: Blander & Loving Friend

Yo<sup>r</sup> I recd in w<sup>ch</sup> you write unto me about yo<sup>r</sup> pay for  
Boate Hire I assure you yo<sup>r</sup> pay shall be returned  
unto you to yo<sup>r</sup> owne home if you please to have a little  
patience, I should esteeme my selfe most unworthy if  
I should have? Althought in my best to defraud you  
should I have sent you goods as now sold here you would  
absolutely supposed me to have bin A Pirate or

Yo<sup>r</sup> Lov: friend & Serv<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Thomas

From my House Feb<sup>r</sup>  
y 4<sup>th</sup> 73  
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Francis Roberts being Subp<sup>t</sup> on the part of the pl<sup>t</sup>

J. S.