

At Ct^l held the 30th March 1674 Comm^o as above;
 Robert Houghton pl^t; Thomas Pool: & pl^t
 Henry Smith def^t }

Sommesett^{sh} Henry Smith of this County was summoned to
 answer unto Robert Houghton in Action of Debt &c
 And whereupon the said Robert for himselfe saith that he
 the said Henry became indebted unto him the said Robt
 one sufficient male servant betweene fiftene and twenty
 foure yeares of age to serue at least five yeares as by a
 Certain writing here in Ct^l produced more plainly will
 appeare signed with the hand of him the said Henry
 bearing Date the 11th day of October A^o D^o 1673 wherein
 the said Henry did Assume upon himselfe and promise
 to pay unto the said Robert his heires or assignes an
 able servant qualified as aforementioned at or before the
 first day of February next ensuing the date of the said
 writing; And for the true performanc whereof he the said
 Henry bound himself his heires executors or assignes but he
 the said Henry fraudulently intending to deceive him the
 said Robert of the said servant sought and still doth to
 pay and deliver such servant, the pl^t saith he is damaged
 and hath Dammage to the value of Two thousand nine
 hundred and ninety nine pound of Tobacco in Ct^l and
 thereupon brings his suite &c

Robt Houghton

This Bill bindeth me Henry Smith my heires executors
 or assignes to pay unto Robt Houghton his heires
 executors or assignes one male servant betweene
 fiftene and twenty foure yeares of age to serue at
 least