

Somersetts<sup>a</sup> John Allward late of Northampton County in Virg<sup>a</sup> being  
was summoned to answer unto Henry Matthews of the same  
County in an action of <sup>the</sup> <sup>law</sup> upon the<sup>1</sup>

And whereupon the said Henry for himselfe saith that he the  
said John became indebted unto him the said Henry the first  
summe or quantity of eight hundred pounds of good sound maner  
able tobacco at <sup>the</sup> <sup>rate</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>four</sup> <sup>pence</sup> <sup>per</sup> <sup>pipe</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>then</sup> <sup>produced</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>County</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>Northampton</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>Virg<sup>a</sup></sup>  
which should have bin paid in Northampton County in Virg<sup>a</sup>  
to him the said Henry the last year but he the said John  
fraudulently intending to deceive him the said Henry of the  
aforesaid quantity of eight hundred pounds of tobacco <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>rate</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>four</sup> <sup>pence</sup> <sup>per</sup> <sup>pipe</sup>  
left the said County of Northampton in Virg<sup>a</sup> & came to this  
County of Somersetts in the Province of Maryland on purpose to  
defraud the said Henry of his aforesaid tobacco whereupon he  
saith he is damaged and hath damage to the value of one  
thousand six hundred pounds of tobacco <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>rate</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>four</sup> <sup>pence</sup> <sup>per</sup> <sup>pipe</sup> and thereupon  
bringe his suite &c

Henry Matthews

Jurat agt.  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1674