

Atta Comty: Col: held: 11th March in 2^d year of y^e Dominion of y^e R: Hon: G^o Charles over Maryland A^o 1676
Domini: 1676 before his Hon^o Justices thereunto assigned & authorized: /

present { M^r: William: Stevens: n^r: John Winder:
C^o: William: Clebourne: M^r: David Browne: } Comm^{rs}:
M^r: George: Johnson: n^r: W^m: Bickerton }

James Wetherly p^t: & n^r: Poole p^t:
John Alward d^eft: }

Somersetts: John Alward Tailor of this County was summoned to answer unto James Wetherly in a plea of Debt: /
And whereupon y^e said James by his attorney Thomas Poole saith y^e he y^e said John became indebted unto him y^e
said James in y^e full & just Sum^m of two thousand four hundred & thirty pounds of Tobacco & Cash as by a rec^d
writing under his hand & Seal bearing date y^e tenth day of November in y^e year A^o: 1676: which writing
here in Co^{ty} we have to produce wherein y^e said promise & assumption upon himselfe & did bind himselfe his
heirs: ex^{or}: or adm^r: to pay or cause to be paid unto y^e aforesaid James his heirs: ex^{or}: or adm^r: or assignes
y^e aforesaid Sum^m of 2430 of Tobacco but he y^e said John little regarding his promise & assumption but fraudulently
intending him y^e said James to receive of y^e Sum^m aforesaid although often therunto required whereupon y^e
plaintiffe saith y^e he is damaged & hath damages to y^e value of 2999 pounds of Tobacco and thereupon
brings his Suit: /

And y^e said James by his attorney saith y^e writt is returned by the Sheriff: n^r: est: Just: & therefor
humbly prayes that they may procede & have y^e grant of an attachment: /

This following writing was read vizt:

This Bill bindeth mee John Alward in y^e County of Somersetts & province of Maryland Tailor mee in y^e
heirs: ex^{or}: or adm^r: & assignes in y^e just & full Sum^m of two thousand four hundred & thirty
pounds of good sound merchantable Tobacco & Cash to containe y^e same & that to be paid unto James
Wetherly of y^e same County & province aforesaid him his heirs: or assignes upon Demand as will be
in my hand & Seal this y^e tenth of November 1676: /

John Alward: Seal: /

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in y^e presence of us
Richard: Saunders:
John: Gladstones:

Memorandum that this day being y^e 12th of February Anno: Do^m: 1676 came Richard Saunders & John
Gladstones before mee John Winder one of his Hon^o Justices of Somersetts County & made oath upon the holy
Evangelist they saw John Alward Signe Seal & Deliver y^e aforesaid as his act & deed which being delivered
in consideration of a woman serv^t: /

John: Winder: /

Somersetts County: This day to wit y^e 13th day of March Anno: Do^m: 1676: came James Wetherly & made
oath before y^e R: Hon: G^o Lord proprietaries Justices of y^e peace then in Co^{ty}: setting that there was
due upon y^e within written bill from John Alward one thousand nine hundred & thirty pounds of
Tobacco: /

And thereupon this Co^{ty}: orders an Attachment on y^e goods Chattells or Credits of John Alward for two
thousand eight hundred pounds of Tobacco to answer y^e Suit of James Wetherly in a plea of Debt
next County Co^{ty}: to be held y^e 12th day of June now next coming: /

The same day Comm^{rs}: as aforesaid: /

Nicholas Silver & Elizabeth his wife p^t: } Continued
George Johnson d^eft: }
Joseph Hogeroff p^t: } Continued
Robt: Collier d^eft: }
Anne Ackworth: p^t: } retraxit
Jⁿ: Richards d^eft: }

Henry Hall: p^t: } retraxit
Robt: (adv): d^eft: }
Robt: Ralpin Jun^r: p^t: }
Dannitt Demahor d^eft: } retraxit: