

In the County Court of Admiralty held the 20th day of November in the eighth year of the Dominion of King Charles over Maryland Anno Domini 1673 before his Excellency Justice hereunto assigned & charged

The Hon.ble. Coll. William Stevens president  
present Capt. Henry Smith : Mayor Ambrose London  
Capt. John Bunder : in William Jones  
in William Breerton

Thomas Bird pte. } Look p pte.  
William Piper def. } Seaward def. } before us all y<sup>e</sup> J<sup>ts</sup> Crains Jurisdiction of y<sup>e</sup> pte. of marsh the pte. be cast in w<sup>ch</sup> Breerton engaged to pay the cost & damages for Thomas Bird if marsh he be cast : & thereupon pte. & def. Janis offer to be tried by the C<sup>ts</sup> J<sup>ts</sup> read vizt

Somerset County William Piper late of this County was attached to answer unto Thomas Bird in an action of Trespass upon the Case

And whereupon the pte. by Thomas Look his attorney Comer & J<sup>ts</sup> that he the Piper in the year of 1673 did borrow of the pte. severall blocks and Riggers & other necessaries for the fitting out of his vessel as will in C<sup>ts</sup> more plainly appear as if an<sup>d</sup> here in C<sup>ts</sup> produced but he the said Piper fraudulently intending the pte. to receive of the aforesaid blocks & Riggers he the Piper doth deny & utterly refuse to deliver the aforesaid Riggers unto the pte. although often herunto required by the pte. in kind as rec<sup>d</sup> by the def. whereupon the pte. says he is damaged & that damages for want of these necessaries to y<sup>e</sup> value of six thousand pounds of Tobacco & thereupon brings this suit

¶ qui r<sup>o</sup> Look } J<sup>ts</sup> For  
Piper def. } Rec<sup>d</sup> Rec

An Act of blocks & Riggers & other necessaries sent to Piper 1673

40<sup>l</sup> of Great Lead 50<sup>l</sup> of Staff w<sup>ch</sup> made rope 30<sup>l</sup> of oarwood 4<sup>l</sup> of mauling 2 mancatches & 2 for Carls main: three Garnetts main top mast shrouds & stay hoises for main & foreyard & main Spindle 2 Ahain bolts & one Bronstoped dead eye one Iron pompe spere & box on board & 2 pompe bolts 4 dozen of blocks small & great 6 small dead eyes all stoped 4 parallels & parallel ropes & amizon tuff 2 Iron bound Caste 2 straps on fiftenthle hooks 6 sayle needles one Cap for the main mast Errors Excepted by the said Bird

the Bird } pte.  
w<sup>ch</sup> Piper } and defendeth the same Juriny & facte

That he the aforesaid w<sup>ch</sup> Piper did not borrow any such goods as he above named the Bird declares he lent in y<sup>e</sup> year 1673 but in the month of 7<sup>th</sup> 1672 the Bird came to the S<sup>d</sup> Piper & desired the S<sup>d</sup> Piper to allow his sloop & make her abarque at w<sup>ch</sup> request the S<sup>d</sup> Piper replied y<sup>e</sup> he should want both riggen & sayles & blocks to doe itt y<sup>e</sup> said Bird answered he had old ropes & sayles in y<sup>e</sup> River big<sup>g</sup> enough to doe it & promised the said Piper y<sup>e</sup> if he would send his shallop for him he should have from him for to fix his vessel the S<sup>d</sup> Piper then replied y<sup>e</sup> it may be he would offer more for him than he can buy now ropes & sayles for the S<sup>d</sup> Bird answered that the S<sup>d</sup> Piper should have from him reasonably & likewise said y<sup>e</sup> he should not fall out about itt upon w<sup>ch</sup> demands the said Piper vintalled & manid his shallop & carried the Bird to York river & there took in what ropes & sayles he y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Bird had there & brought them for Maryland & put them on board the sloop & the said Bird did alter the sloop & put in three masts (but ordered the Carpenter to make them to steele & small soe y<sup>e</sup> Jam at the Charge to make new masts) & rigged them with some of the old ropes he & the sloopes riggen & cutt some of those ropes for the vessels use & likewise cutt the sayles & fitted it to the vessel & the said Piper ordered the said Bird to receive any part due of what ropes he made use of on the vessel for the said Piper use w<sup>ch</sup> he promised the said Piper he would doe & accordingly he charged him to an<sup>d</sup> such an amount as it is & gave it to y<sup>e</sup> said Piper in the month of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1672 & then sayled with y<sup>e</sup> said vessel for the Barbadoes and back againe to Maryland (though long tarrying there) & then undrigged the vessel & delivered the sayles & riggen into y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Piper's house & possession soe y<sup>e</sup> the S<sup>d</sup> Piper craves it by way Court to Judge whether or not those sayles & ropes were not bought by the said Piper the def. craves the Court Judgment if the aforesaid Thomas Bird his