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Notwithstanding the said Jonathan the sd sum of 3534. Pounds of Tobacco and Cash although often demanded the same to the sd William in his life time nor to the sd Elizabeth whole nor to the sd George and Elizabeth since the marriage between them had and solemnized nor to of them date not rendered but have hitherto denyed, and still doe deny to the Damages of the sd George Elizabeth of five thousand pounds of Tobacco and there of they bring their suit in the King's Bench Court the 10th of September 1686

Bill bindeth me Jonathan Cowles of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland Cooper my Executors and Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto the said William Stevens of Somerset County Merchant his Heirs, Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of three thousand six hundred thirty four pounds of good sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cash Equivalent at some place unto by Act of Assembly on the Bay side in Somerset County at or upon the last day of October in Anno 1686 as witness my hand and seal this thirteenth day of October 1686.

The said Bill was read in Court by the sd Court as his Act and deed. &c. 1686

Somerset County vs John Caylor of this County (Attorney at Law) was attached to answer unto John West of the same County in an action of defamation and whereupon the plt by James Saugher his Attorney Comd and says that the said John West being of good fame and in publick trust with the Justices of this County, a place of no mean employ, was by the sd John Caylor Defendant the Marth Court last past in the audience of severall credible persons of this County, most grossly, spitefully and maliciously, Evil, defamed and slandered by the ignominious use of Rogues and Knaves falsely and maliciously asserting and affirming that the plt had lost Cotes and had not been the purchaser of them, meaning for Divorcery and Roguery, and not satisfied with these abuses and slander agt the plt, did in April 29. report, publish and falsely declare that Gaius Cumber a servant to Great Horsey had told him that the said Cumber lived with the plt in London, where the plt a woman for writing the plt had ubi rova. The said so: now the plt says that the defendt hath defamed and slandered the plt in his good name and fame but falsely and maliciously and against the plts life in question, rendering him odious to all the good people of this Province and intable of his trust, the plts says he is damnified and hath lost to the value of five hundred pounds ster. whereupon brings his suit. Saugher D. Plaintiffs for plt. Cld. of Jc. John: Fox and Ritz: Ro: and

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Com: thom: resn. m. fr: Jenkins. m. Sam: Hopkins. m. James: Round. m. Thom: Newbold
m. Em: Howard. m. George: Layfield.

The above sd Declaration being read in Court, the Defendt in his own proper person comes and says that he is in no wayes guilty and of this the doft puts him self upon the Country. John Caylor and the plt also. Saugher

Both parties having thus joyned Issues, referring the whole matter to the Country for tryall (vizt) Guy Dof his wife, which was duly and legally impawned and sworn, who having heard the whole