Here followeth the Bill

ffrm: 4. 12th 1691

This Bill bindeth me Jamed: Minor of Somerset County in the Prouince of Maryland my Heirs. Exrs and Administrators. to pay or cause to be paid vnto John: Lapp of Somerset County Planter his Heirs. Exrs Admrs or Assigns. the full and just Sum of 13: hundred pounds of good Sound Merchantable Crop tobacco and Cask. to be at any Conuenient Landing in Somerset County, at or upon the 10th day of October next ensuing the date hereof as witness my hand and Seal this last day of January. 168 9/90

Jas: Harper.
Nathaniel: Abbott.

James: Maynard. (Seale)

Bill proued in Open Court the 12th June 1691.

Ordered by this Court that the Sheriffe produce his prisoner at ye next Court

George: Layfield Esq: pl.
Contra.
Walter: Lodge: Deft

Somerset County ss. Walter Lodge of this County Chyrurgeon was attached to answer vnto George: Layfield Esqr Attorney of Graat: Silber of ye Island of Barbados Mert. in an action vpon the Case.

And whereupon the pl by James: Sanger his Attorney Comes & sayes. That the said Walter: Lodge deft is bound and stands indebted vnto the sd Graat: Silber the full and just Sum of fifteen shillings & sixpence Sterling money of Engld for seuerall goods & by the sd deft of the sd Graat: Silber Mert. at dates and may appear by his accompt here in Court produced. Which Sume Sum of 15: s. 6. money the deft did faithfully assume and promise to pay, but fraudulently & craftily intending to defraud the pl the same hath denyed to pay and yet doth deny to the pls great Losse and damage to the value of One pound Seuen shill Sterling money, and hereupon Brings his Suit.

Ja: Sa. & Qr. plod ffeoris { Jno: Ga. / Eliz: Ra. }

The sd accompt did not appear in Court.

Ordered by this Court that the Sheriffe produce Lodge next Crt or Assign ye Cash Bond

Edward: Hammond: plt.
Contr.
Bryan: Peart: Deft.

Somerset County: ss. Bryan: Peart of this County Surgn was attached to answer vnto Edmund: Hammond of ye same County Planter. in an accon of detinue. And whereupon the pl by James: Sanger his Attorney Comes and sayes that the said pl did Bargain and Sell a Certain Plantation to Matthew: Starr Grocer of this County Mert. and vpon ye pls removall from the sd Plantation did Debar one Milstone the sd Plantation not having Opportunity of transporting the same, while the Plantation is now in the possession of the said deft. Peart who vniustly and malitiously detaines the sd Milstone, and the further to endamnifie and defraud the pl. of the same, hath put it for a Step to Support a tobacco house thereunto whereby the pl sayes he is dammified and hath losse to the value of twelue hundred pounds of tobacco, and hereupon brings his Suite &c.

Ja: Sa & Qr. plod: { Jno: Dg= / Eliz: Rg= }

Edwa: brigs Edward: Hammond: Plt.
Bryan: Peart. Deft

And the deft saith that the pl hath no right to the sd Milstone and thereupon puts himself upon the Country. Edward: Jones.

And the pl replyes & saith that deft detaines the sd Milstone wch is the property of the pl. J: Sa: Issue joyned & referred to a Jury / Verd: