

said prayeth that the Said Thomas Orton to his decleration aforesaid may Answer this Court According to Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided etc.

Uppon which the Said Thomas Orton by William Stone his Attorney Cometh [242] Here this Court (to witt) the 28th day of September Annoque Domini 1697: And Defendeth the Force And Injury when etc. And Saith that he did not Assume in manner and forme as the plantiffe in his Decleration aforesaid hath Complayned and of this he putts himselfe upon the Court by Consent. William Stone. And the plantiffe alsoe. John Meriton.

The truth of the matter in Controversie between the parties aforesaid by the Court here being Seen heard understood and Maturely deliberated it is thereupon Considered that the Said Nicholas Sporne Recover against the Said Thomas Orton as well the Sume of two thowsand five hundred pounds of tobaccoe his Damages in the premises Sustained as alsoe the Sume of three hundred Eighty Eight pounds of tobaccoe for his Costs and Charges in this behalfe Sustained to the Said Nicholas Sporne of his Assent by the Court here Adjudged And the Said Thomas Orton in mercy etc.

John Forrest plantiffe: Samuell Gibbs Defendant.

Command was given to the Sheriffe that he Attach the Sume of four pounds Eight Shillings Sterling and 447 lbs. of tobaccoe in the hand or hands of any person or persons in this County And that hee make knowne to the Said person or persons that they be here the next Court to be held at Charles Towne the fourth Tuesday in September next to Shew Cause if any they have why the goods Attached Should not be Condemned and the Said John Forrest have thereof Execution etc. Att which Said day the Sheriffe here made Returne of the Said writt (Endorsed on the back) Attached in the hands of Mr. William Barton and Sumoned him to Appear etc. per Thomas Greenfeild Sheriffe.

And the Said William Barton here present in Court Saith that [he] hath a bill of Mr. Thomas Greenfeild in his hands due to the Said Samuell Gibbs for about fourteen or fifteen hundred pounds of tobaccoe but as for himselfe he oweth not any thing to the Said Gibbs. And the Said John Forrest by his Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the Said four pounds Eight Shillings Sterling may be Reduced into tobaccoe at a penny per pound And by the Court here it is granted which Comes to one thowsand fifty Six lbs. of tobaccoe.

Therefore it is Considered that as well the Said one thowsand fifty Six pounds of tobaccoe above Allowed in Lew of the Said four pounds Eight Shillings Sterling as alsoe the Said Sume of four hundred forty Seaven pounds of tobaccoe Cost in the whole Amounting to the Sume of fifteen hundred and three pounds of tobaccoe be Condemned on the Said bill of Thomas Greenfeild due to the Said Samuell Gibbs in the hands of Mr. William Barton if the Said bill will amount unto the Said Sume but if the Said bill mentions a Less Sume then for Soe much as the Said bill doth Express and that the Said John Forres have Execution for the Same etc.

John Soper plantiffe: Thomas Date Defendant.

Prince Georges County Ss. Thomas Date late of Prince Georges County Taylor was Attached to Answer unto John Soper of a plea of trespass upon the Case etc.

And whereupon the Said John by William Stone his Attorney Complaineth that whereas the Said Thomas the 20th day of October Annoque Domini 1696