

out of the Jurisdiction of this Court Whereupon the Said plantiffe by his Attorney aforesaid prayeth ann Attachment against the goods Chattles and Creditts of the Said James Catterton as well for the Said Sume of Eleven hundred and Sixteen pounds of tobaccoe his Damages aforesaid as alsie for the Sume of four hundred forty Seaven pounds of tobaccoe his Costs and Charges in this behalfe Laid out and Sustained etc. And by the Court here it is granted unto him etc.

William Groome plantiffe: Courtny Crotoffe Defendant

Prince Georges County Ss. Courtny Crotoffe of Prince Georges County planter was Attached to Answer unto William Groome of a plea of trespass upon the Case etc.

And whereupon the Said William by John Meriton his Attorney his Attorney Complaineth that whereas the Said Courtny the tenth day of March 1696 [1697] And at Severall other dayes and times Since (to witt) from the Said 10th day of March aforesaid untill August the Eight [281] Following Inconsideration that the Said William Groome would bargaine and Sell and deliver unto him the Said Courtny Divers Lickquors and other Accomedations at Sundry Rates and prizes in tobaccoe a pertickeler [account] whereof is here in Court produced amounting in the whole to the Sume of 455 lbs. of tobaccoe the Said Courtny did Assume upon himselfe and to the Said William Faithfully promise that he the Said Courtny when thereunto Required would well and truly Content and pay and the Said William in Fact Saith that trusting to the faithfull promise and Assumption of the Said Courtny did bargaine Sell and deliver unto the Said Courtny divers Lickquors and other Accomedations at Sundry Rates and prizes in tobaccoe Amounting in the hole to the Sume of 455 pounds of tobaccoe as Aforesaid And although the Said Courtny did Afterwards pay unto the Said William by one pair of womens Shewes at the Rate of 80 lbs. of tobaccoe Yett as to the Remaining Sume of 375 lbs. of tobaccoe part of the Said Sume of 455 lbs. of tobaccoe the Said Courtny his promise and Assumption aforesaid made Little Regarding but deviseing and Fraudulently Intending him the Said William of the Said Sume of 375 lbs. of tobaccoe Craftily and Subtilly to deceive and Defraud hath not paid Although often thereunto Required but the Same to him to pay hath Denyed and Still doth denye Whereupon the Said William Saith he is Damnified etc. and hath Damage to the Vallew of 750 lbs. of tobaccoe and thereupon he brings this Suite.

Pledges to procecute John Doe, Richard Roe. Meriton.

And the Said Courtny Crotoffe by William Bladen his Attorney Cometh and Defendeth the force and Injury when etc. and prayeth Lycence here to Imparle untill next Court and it is granted unto him the Same day is given to the plantiffe Likewise. Att which Said next Court (to witt) the 25th day of January 1697: [1698] Came the aforesaid parties by there Attorneys aforesaid And the Said plantiffe by his Attorney prayeth that the Said Defendant to his Decleration aforesaid may Answer etc. And now here at this day Came the Said Courtny by William Bladen his Attorney and defendeth the aforesaid force and Injury when etc. And Saith that hee did not Assume in manner and forme as the plantiffe in his Decleration aforesaid hath Complained against him and of this he putts himselfe upon the Court. William Bladen