

Letters Administration of the goods and Chattles of the Said Henry Since his decease was Legally Committed and to the Said Thomas and Jane Since the Espowsalls between them had and Celebrated of Right to belong and pertaine and deviseing and Fraudulently Intending Craftily and Subtilly to deceive and Defraud the Said Henry in his Life time and the Said Jane while She was Sole after the death of the Said Henry and the Said Thomas and Jane Since the Espowsalls between them had and Celebrated the Same hoggs to the Said Henry in his Life time or to the Said Jane while She was Sole after the death of the Said Henry or to the Said Thomas and Jane or Either of them Since the Espowalls between them had and Clelebrated Although the Said Ignatias by her the Said Jane while She was Sole after the death of the Said Henry and by the Said Thomas and Jane after the Espowsalls between them had and Celebrated that is to Say the 23d day of October 1697 Att Mattapony hundred aforesaid was often Required to doe the Same hath not delivered but those hoggs Afterwards that is to Say the 25th day of October 1697 at Mattapony hundred aforesaid hath Converted and disposed to his owne use to the Damage of them the Said Thomas and Jane of 7500 lbs. of tobaccoe and in delay of the Administration of the goods [326] And Chattles aforesaid and thereof they bring this Suite etc.

Meriton. Pledges etc. John Doe, Richard Roe.

And the Said Thomas and Jane brings into Court the Letters [of] Administration etc. that it may the plainer Appeare etc.

And the Said Ignatias Creycroft by William Stone his Attorney Cometh and Defendeth the force and Injury when etc. and prayeth Lycence thereof to Imparle here untill next Court and it is granted unto him the Same day is given to the plantiffe Likewise etc.

And now here at this day (to witt) the twenty Eight day of June Annoque Domini 1698 Came here as well the Said Thomas and Jane as the Said Ignatias by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Said Thomas and Jane prayeth that the Said Ignatias to their Decleration aforesaid may Answer etc. Whereupon the Said Ignatias by his Attorney aforesaid Comes and defends the force and Injury when etc. And Saith that he is not guilty of the trespass in manner and forme as the plantiffes have Sett forth and thereupon putts himselfe upon the Country.

William Stone. And the plantiffe Allsoe. Meriton.

Therefore it is Command the Sheriffe that without delay he Cause to Come here twelve etc. by whome etc. and who neither etc. to Recognize etc. because as well etc. And now here at this day that is to Say the Said 28th day of June 1698 here Cometh as well the Said Thomas Taney and Jane his wife as the Said Ignatias Creycroft by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Jurors thereon Impanelled being Called Likewise Came (Viz.)

James Stoddard, foreman, James Juers, Phillip Tattersell, John Davis, Robert Orme, William Conley, Christopher Baynes, John Summers, Charles Hyatt, Joseph West, Thomas James, John Deakins. Summoned per Thomas Greenfeild, Sheriffe.

Who to Speake the truth Conserving the premises being Elected tryed and Sworne doe Say upon their oaths that they find for the plantiffes.

Therefore itt is Considered that the Said Thomas Taney and Jane his wife Recover against the Said Ignatias Creycroft as well their Damages in the premises to three thowsand nine hundred pounds of tobaccoe by the Jurors aforesaid in forme aforesaid Assessed As allsoe two thowsand one hundred fifty and Six pounds of tobaccoe to the Said Thomas and Jane att their Request for their Costs and