

Charles Towne within the Jurisdiction of this Court was Lawfully Possessed of one Grey Geilding of the Price of Sixteen hundred pounds of Tobacco as of his own Propper Geildin the Day year and Place aforesaid out of his hands and Possession did Causially Loose which Said Grey Geilding afterwards about the 25th day of October in the year of Our Lord 1698 att Charles County aforesaid that is to Say att Charles Towne within the Jurisdiction of this Court by findeing to the hands and possession of the Said John Boulton came, And the Said John Boulton knowing the Said grey Geilding to be the propper grey Gelding of him the Said William and to him the Said William of Right to belong and apperteine yett deviseing and fraudulently intending him the Said William of Right to belong and apperteine Yett deviseing and fraudulently intending him the Said William of the Said Grey Geilding craftily and Subtilly to deceive and defraud the Said John Boulton the Said Grey Geilding to the Said William hath not Delivered allthough the Said John by the Said William hath been often thereunto required but the Said John the Said Grey Geilding afterwards the 28th day of October att Charles County aforesaid that is to Say att Charles Towne within the Jurisdiction of this Court to his own propper use hath Converted and disposed to the Damage of the Said William of 3000 lbs. of Tobacco and thereupon hee brings his Suite etc.

Pledges etc. John Doe, Richard Roe. Joshua Cecell.

And the Said John Boulton by John Meryton his Attorney comes and Defends the force and Injury when etc. and prayeth Lycence to Imparle here untill the next Court Comeing and is granted unto him the Same day is given to the Plantiffe Likewise.

Att which day (to witt) the 22d day of August Annoque Domini 1699 came as well the Said William Willkeson Plantiff by Joshua Cecell his attorney as the Said John Bowlton by John Meryton his Attorney aforesaid and the Said Joshua Cecell prayeth that the Said John Boulton to his Declaration aforesaid may answer.

And the Said John Boulton by John Meryton his Attorney cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when etc. and for Plea Saith hee is not any ways Guilty of the trover and Conversion [454] as in the Plaintiffs Declaration is Sett forth and thereof hee putts himselfe upon the Country.

John Meryton for the Defendant.

And the Plantiffe allso. Joshua Cecell.

Therefore it is commanded the Sheriffe that he cause to come imeadiately twelve etc. by whome etc. who neither etc. to recognize etc. because as well etc.

And now here the Same day that is to Say the 22d day of August Annoque Domini 1699 the Jury hereof being impanelled being Called and Likewise came (Viz.)

Captain Edward Brock, foreman, William Conley, Thomas Lucas, Thomas Plumer, John Turner, William Morgan, Henry King, John Barrett, Bartholomew Goff, John Soaper, Thomas Box, Robert Robertson. Sumoned by William Barton, Sheriff.

Who to Spake the truth in the premisses being Elected tryett and Sworne on their Oaths doe Say that they fine for the Plantife and that the Said Defendant is guilty of the trover and Conversion as the Said Plantive hath above alleaged and doe bring in Damages to the Plantiff fourteen hundred pounds of Tobacco.

Therefore it is Considered that the aforesaid William Willkeson Plantive doe recover against the Said John Boulton—Defendant the Sume of fourteen hundred pounds of Tobacco his Damages aforesaid by the Jurors aforesaid in-