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Licensure of England, and the be saved on their goods & Chattels and Commoners for their Malice upon  
The Queen of the above recognizance it being that it was above found that Lawrence God of the good Christian  
Sabourans to all their Malice & was people of the Province & money the Court & pleasure as also pay the  
And I had then the recognizance to be true & of none fact & otherwise to be & remain in your fra

Richard Robertson Esq  
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Somerset County  
Henry Hall late of Somerset County Esquire was summoned to answer unto the  
Robinson of the Colony of Virginia that he did well for our Sovereign Lord  
Lady of King & Queen as for him to be in that behalf responsible of a plea that  
he is indebted from the just sum of ten thousand pounds of tobacco to be  
from the said King & Queen.

And whereupon the said King Richard was ad with the by Doctor Dowd Henry Saiter that was read by the  
Council of Assembly made at a general Assembly of the Province held at the City of St. Marks the twenty  
day of May in the fourth year of our Sovereign Lord & Lady King & Queen of England Scotland France and  
Ireland the said year of our Lord 1692: it was money & other things therein contained, that any person  
or persons whatsoever that shall wilfully or willingly detain any such servant or servants unlawfully absent  
him or her or from blood as aforesaid shall be fined five hundred pounds of tobacco for every month or four and  
twenty hours that such person or persons shall give entertainment to such servant or servants unlawfully absent  
him or her or from blood as aforesaid, the one half to their Malice for the support of the Government & the other to the  
Informor or him that shall sue for the same to be recovered in any Court of the Province, by action of Debt Bill  
Claim or Information, wherein no Stay Protection or waiver of Law to be allowed. Notwithstanding the said  
the knowing the said Act of Assembly to be in force & unrevoked, but unbinding of fraud & doubt into money  
said Richard to divide, of Indian Slaves belonging to the said Richard. the said Henry the 2. day of September  
in the year of our Lord 1692: at Menocan within the Jurisdiction of the Court the said did take up & entertain  
the space of twenty days contrary to the form & force of the said Act of Assembly and to the damage of the  
Richard was the sum of 20000. pounds of tobacco & more of the said King & Queen.

The Defendant by his Attorney, Saml. Alexander & others his Plea & Defence is that he is not guilty in manner of forms  
and put him self upon the Country Saml. Alexander & others.  
And the plea also took.

The above Declaration being read & issue joined. Command was given to the Sheriff to bring here twelve good & Lawfull  
men of the County with, that the matter in hand might be the better understood. A List or panel whereof was then  
returned as follows (viz) Richard Chamberlaine Wm. Blannor Esq. John M. Smith Esq. Robert Smith Esq. Wm. Law Esq. Wm. Allen  
Jr. Wm. Currier Esq. Francis Joynt Esq. Richard Holland Esq. Lawrence Esq. John Marbridge Esq. Stephen Ostrin. 12) who be  
legally summoned, returned & sworn, who having heard the aforesaid Declaration, as also the Examination of two Witnesses  
upon their Oaths (viz) Wm. Hooper Esq. and Matt. Starbrough. as also the following letter read. received their Charge  
and took forte in Order to determine the matter

Richard Robertson  
After my love to that of my wife presented to you and your family. the great it to acquaint you, that I must eight  
times with an Indian in English mould apparel. who was in Company of two Indians, who were a