

Mr Robert Brown } Command was given to y^e Sheriff of Somerset County that
26 } he should take John Covington late of Somerset County
Mr John Covington } Gent. otherwise called Jif he should be found in his County
with him should safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justice of his
Lordships Justices of our County County of Somerset to be held at Bealeston Town
the Tuesday of March Anno Domini thousand seven hundred and sixty to answer
unto Robert Brown of plea that he under him ten pounds current money of
Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c

And y^e same day is given to y^e Robert here Wofalth
And hereupon y^e said Robert declared against y^e John Covington in y^e plea
of inform following

James et p^{te} John Covington late of Somerset County Gent otherwise called
I was summoned to answer unto Robert Brown of plea that he under him ten
pound current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains
&c of w^{ch}

And whereupon y^e said Robert by W^m Hayward his Attorney says that when as y^e
did John the xxvij day of February Anno Domini MDCCLXX at y^e District
County to wit at Somerset County of y^e by his certain Will obligat^{on} which
with the seal of y^e said John sealed y^e said Robert to the Court here shews that
the Date whereof is y^e same day and Year did promise and oblige himself to pay
unto y^e said Robert Brown y^e sum of ten pounds current money of Maryland at or before
the tenth day of February next ensuing y^e Date of y^e Will of y^e for Value rec^d to the
true payment whereof y^e said John bound himself on y^e Day Year first a^{fo}re firmly
by y^e Will of y^e Nevertheless y^e said John the said required y^e said ten pounds current
money of y^e said Robert hath not paid or him for y^e same in any sort contented
(Altho the same to do y^e same John on y^e day Year first a^{fo}re and after view at y^e
County of y^e said Robert was required) but the same to him to pay he hath not
paid and still doth refuse and unjustly detains whereupon y^e said Robert
says he is was of that Damage to the Value of fifteen pounds current money of
Maryland & that he brings Suit &c

Charles J. Dool & Coe

A Copy of y^e foregoing declaration was made and sent to be served on y^e Defendant
Spedy J. J. J. At which day he came & was called y^e Robert Brown by W^m Hayward
his Atty^r & the wife to wit John Dennis Gent now here returned that he had taken y^e said
John Covington whose Body here at this day he had ready to answer y^e said Robert
of the a^{fo}re plea as to him it was Commanded justly w^{ch} same Sheriff returned that he
had served y^e said John Covington with a Copy of y^e foregoing declaration according to
Act of Assembly in such case provided &c

Whereupon y^e John Covington at y^e prayer of y^e Robert Brown is adjudged to
give special Bail to y^e Justice of the Peace at certain Levin Ballantyne
Somerset County Gent. present here in Court in his proper person under oath for
the said John Covington that if it should happen that Judgment in y^e plea of the
he rendered for y^e said Robert against y^e said John or that he y^e said John should
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