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Gt James Houston Command was given to the sheriff of Somerset County that he should take
Mr Joseph Holder Joseph Holder late of Somerset County planter if he should be found in his
Bailewick him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his
Sovereigns County Court of Somerset to be held at Princeps Ann Town the third Tuesday of
June Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and sixty three to answer unto James
Houston of a plea of trespass upon the case &c. and the same day is given to the ap. James here &c
At which day here came the ap. James Houston by George Hayward his Attorney and the
sheriff to wit Ephraim Wilson now here returned that he had taken the ap. Joseph Hol-
der whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the ap. James Houston of the ap. plea
as to him it was commanded And so forth
And here upon the ap. James Houston complained Against the ap. Joseph Holder in the plea ap. in
form following - Somerset's Joseph Holder late of Somerset County planter was at-
tached to answer unto James Houston of a plea of trespass upon the case &c. forth
And Whereupon the said James by Geo Hayward his Attorney complains that whereas
the said Joseph the 4th day of May In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
sixty three at the County ap. was indebted unto the said James in the sum of £100.00 the
Current Money of Maryland for the Articles and things in
the account hereto annexed mentioned and so there of indebted being the said Joseph in
consideration thereof afterwards to wit the same day and year ap. at the County ap. upon
himself assumed to the said James then and there faithfully Promised that he the said Joseph
the sum of Money ap. when he should be there to afterwards Required unto the said James
well and faithfully would pay and content. Never the less the said Joseph by means
of assumption ap. in form ap. Subtly regarding but mindinge fraudulently Intending
the said James in this Behalf craftily and Subtly to deceive and defraud the sum of
Money unto the said James hath not paid on him for the same in any sort contented (altho
he same to do the same Joseph afterwards to wit the same day and year ap. and often more
at the County ap. by the said James was required) but the same to him to pay hitherto alto-
gether hath Refused still doth refuse unjustly deny Whereupon the said James says
he is wrong and hath Damage to the Value of Twenty pounds Current Money of Maryland
& thereof he brings Suit &c. so forth
Whereupon at the prayer of the ap. James Houston the ap. Joseph Holder is adjudged to
give special Bail to the action ap. Thereupon a certain George Bennett of So-
meret County present here in Court in his proper person undertook for the said Joseph Holder
assumed upon himself that if it should happen that Judgement in the plea ap. should be Rendered for
the said James Houston against the ap. Joseph Holder or that the said Joseph should be therein
Convicted that then he the said Joseph should pay and satisfy unto the ap. James the Judgement
of the Court thereupon or render his body in execution of such Judgement to the prison of the
sheriff of the County ap. in satisfaction thereof or that he the said George Bennett will do the same
And here upon the ap. Joseph Holder by Samuel Wilson his Attorney comes and defends the force and
injury when &c. and says that he Request deny the action ap. of the ap. James Houston nor but
that he assumed upon himself in manner form as the ap. James Houston above against
him hath complained & as to the Damage of the same James by him by occasion of the premis-
ses in that part sustained the same Joseph with and acknowledgeth that the ap. James
hath sustained Damages by occasion of the premises beyond his cost and charges by him about
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