

Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County 15th Day of November Anno Dom: 1696 to take Walter Soper if he could be found in his Bailiwick and him safe kept so that he have his Body before his Maj^{ties} Justices at the next Court to be hold for said County to Answer unto William Sparkes Esq^r of a plea of Trespass upon the case

At which Court viz this present day the day of the return of the sd writ came Capt. Edward Swoatnam High Sheriff of the County and made return of the said writ in these words viz Copy & Deliv. Swoatnam Sheriff

William Sparkes Jun^r Esq^r

Walter Soper Esq^r } Sheriff of Kent County
at } (Surgery Stand Attached to Answer unto

William Sparkes Jun^r of a plea of Trespass upon the case

Whom upon the said William Sparkes by Griffith Jones his Attorney complains that whereas the said Walter Soper on the 10th Day of May Anno Dom: 1696 in the said County within the Jurisdiction of this Court stood justly indebted unto William the full and Just sum of two thousand pounds of Tobacco for his horse which was at the especial request and request of him the said Walter Soper and delivered in consideration thereof his Assent upon himselfe and to him the said William did then and there faithfully promise that he the said Walter the aforesaid sum of two thousand pounds of Tobacco to him the said William when he should be thereunto afterwards required would and faithfully pay the same and all the sd the said Walter paid and satisfied to him the said William twelve hundred pd of Tobacco of the aforesaid two thousand pounds of Tob: Yet the aforesaid Walter his promise & assumption aforesaid as to the eight hundred pounds of Tobacco refused little regarding but plotting and fraudulently mispending the sd 800^l of the aforesaid 2000^l of Tob: craftily to convert & distribute the sd 800^l of Tobacco to him the said William afterwards he hath been thereunto required according to his promise and Assumption aforesaid but he hath not paid or in any manner for the same satisfied but the same hath to be payed in such allegation refused and denied and as yet refused to the damage of him the said William & Co^{ts} & servants and his expenses bringing this suit

Ino Doe
Gen^l & 3rd pro: Ri Roe