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Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County the 26th
day of Novem^r for Anno Domⁱ 1696 to take Thomas Ford
if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep
so that he have his Body before his Maj^{ties} Justices at the
Next Court to be hold for the County to answer unto John
Hawking of a plea of a plea of trespass upon the case

At which Court viz: this present case the day of the return
of the writ aforesaid Capt^t Edward Woodman High Sheriff
of sd County and made return of the said writ in the
words following viz: Copi

John Hawking pl^t
Thomas Ford Def^t. } Kent H. Thomas Ford of Kent County
I was Attached to answer John Hawking
of a plea of trespass upon the case

And thereupon the said Sir by Samuel Wilton his Att^y Com^{pl}aineth
that whereas the said Thomas the 22nd day of February Anno Domⁱ 1694 at
Chester River within the Jurisdiction of this Court by his certain Writing
subscribed with his hand as his Act and deed delivered and read in Court
brought whose case is the same day and Year aforesaid he did promise
to pay to the said John by the order of the sd Factor the sum of seven
hundred pounds of good and lawful money in consideration thereof the sd Thomas upon
simple and honest promise that he should pay the sd Thomas upon
a forced sum of 700 of good and lawful money and in consideration
thereof when he should be required he would pay and
truly pay the said sum of 700 to the sd John: altho he hath paid three hundred
thirty eight pounds of good and lawful money to the said John: but
he breached his promise and Assumption letter regarding but plotting and
contriving with the sd John: craftily and subtilly to be frauded and denied
the sd sum of 302 pounds to the said John: and in violation to his
promise and Assumption thereon as aforesaid he hath not paid altho to see
the same the first day of December Anno Domⁱ 1696 at divers times
of this Court he was therunto by the sd John: required but the same to pay
the sd John: hath done to the damage of the sd John: six hundred pounds
of good and lawful money and thereupon he brings this bill

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of Decem^r 1696
Jm: Doe
Cl: Doe