

At which Court viz: the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of March Anno Dom 1696  
 the day of return of the said Writt same Capt. Edward Ingham  
 high Sheriff of said County and made Return of sd Writt in  
 these words following viz: Capt. J. Ingham Sheriff  
 And the said Defend<sup>t</sup> by Richard Marklin their Attorney<sup>s</sup> H  
 appearing pray of thos<sup>e</sup> to impare until the next Court 10<sup>th</sup>  
 was granted the same day was given to the Pet likewise  
 which said cause being continued until this present Day & now  
 standing for Trial as aforesd:

And now first at this day viz: the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of August Anno  
 Dom 1697 same the said Pet: Thomas Bruff by Michael H  
 Earle his Attorney<sup>s</sup> as also the sd Defend<sup>t</sup> by Richard Marklin  
 their Attorney<sup>s</sup> the Pet declares viz:

Kent s<sup>r</sup>: William Sigley and Morry his Wife Ec<sup>t</sup>: of the Capt  
 will and Testament: of Edward Wade late of Chester Diver in Talbot  
 County in Maryland Dead was summoned to Answer unto H  
 Thomas Bruff of the same Province aforesd of a piece that  
 they render unto him the full sum of four hundred and  
 sixty poundes of good sound every way well conditioned Tobacco  
 which he from them they unjustly stole

And shew upon the said Pet: by Michael Earle his Att: of fact  
 that before the said Edward in his life viz: on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of  
 of May Anno Dom 1687 in sd County within the Jurisdiction of  
 this Court by his certain Bill or Writing obligatory sealed w<sup>th</sup>  
 his Seale as his Act and deed delivered and rec<sup>d</sup> in Court brought  
 in shop out of the said day and Year did bind himself his H  
 Heirs Ec<sup>t</sup>: and Adm<sup>t</sup>: to pay or cause to be paid unto the said  
 Thomas his Ec<sup>t</sup>: Adm<sup>t</sup>: and Assignes the said sum of 1400<sup>l</sup>: of  
 Tobacco qualified as aforesd convenient on the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
 upon the tenth day of October then next ensuing the date of the  
 said Bill yet notwithstanding the sd Edward in his life lived y<sup>e</sup>  
 2<sup>nd</sup> sum of 1400<sup>l</sup>: of Tobacco according to the Ten<sup>r</sup>: of the said  
 Bill he did not pay nor the sd Morry when sold and unmarried nor  
 the said William and Morry in their capacities since the death of  
 him the said Edward the same they have not paid all the often  
 demanded. but the same he pay<sup>t</sup> they have denied and refused and  
 still do deny and refuse to the damage of the sd Thomas who  
 have Nine hundred poundes of Tobacco and thereupon he brings  
 this suit Earle & of: p<sup>r</sup>o: d<sup>r</sup>: &c: In: Doe: &c: