

And this said John Offley by Michael Earle his Attorney ^{app^r}
but the Det Capt James Smith by William Hensley his Att^y
moves this Court for Especial Bail which is ^{granted} ^{by}
Ordered

Simon Wilmer ~~the~~

Thomas Woyatt and George Perrell become Especial Bail
for the said John Offley and promise that the said John +
Offley shall pay condempnacion if cast or they will do it for him

This said cause being continued from Court to Court until this
present day and now heard at this day viz: the 25th day of 4th
August Anno Dom^o 1697 ^{at} as well the said Det: by William H^{ensley} Att^y
as also the Defend: by Michael Earle his Att^y
and the said cause standing for Trial the Det Dollars viz

Cont: of John Offley otherwise called John Offley of the County of Kent
was summoned to answer to James Smith of the County of Kent of
a plea that he render him the full and just sum of Eight
hundred and eighty and one pound of good and
lawfull loose Tobacco, in case which to him his Executors and
from him his unjustly obtained

And whereupon the said James by William Hensley his Att^y saith
that whereas the said John the 13th day of Apr: Anno Dom^o 1696 in
the County within the Jurisdiction of this Court by his certain bill or
writing obligatory sealed with his seal as his Act and good delivery
and now in Court brought whose date is the same day and Year
did acknowledge him self to stand bound and firmly obligated unto
the said James in the full and just sum of Sixteen thousand three hundred
and two: of the best qualified Tobacco in the to be paid unto the said
Smith his Heirs Ex: Adm: or Assignes convenient in said County it being for
the said and truly paynt of the sum of 8181 of Tobacco by the condition of
said bill to the said and truly paynt: thereof the said John did bind himself his
Heirs Ex: and Adm: family by the said Bill Yet notwithstanding the said John the said sum of
8181 of Tobacco to the said John: of the said condition to the said obligation as near as
the said James the said John paid a little of the said demanded but the said to pay the said
sum and refused to the damage of the said James 1000 of Tobacco over and above
the said sum of 8181 of Tobacco & thereupon he brings this suit
Hensley by: pro: J. Doe de Roe