

Command was given to y^e Sheriff of Kent County the 10th day of September Anno Dom: 1697 that he take Sam: Tordy if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep for that he had his Body before his Maj^{ties} Justice at the next Court to Answer unto Edward Bathurst of a plea of Debt

At which Court viz: the 2th day of September Anno Dom: 1697 the day of Return of sd^o Writ came Capt: Edward Swatman high Sheriff of sd^o County and made Return of sd^o Writ in these words viz: Capi: Ultio: Swatman thoff

On which day the sd^o Defend: by Thomas Coursey appeared and prayd thereof to imparle until next Court which was H^{is} granted the said day was given to y^e Def^{endant} likewise

And now here att this day viz: the 24th day of November Anno Dom: 1697 the said cause standing for final round as well the sd^o Def: by Richard Marklin his atty ^{as} also the said Def: by his atty: Dora viz:

Edward Bathurst pl^{et}

Sam: Tordy Defend: } Kent: ff: Sam: Tordy att: Dora Sam: H^{is} Tordy of Kent County Sheriff was H^{is}

summoned to Answer to Edward Bathurst of a plea that he Render him the just sum and great quantity of two H^{undred} Thousand Nine hundred thirty and one pounds of good and merchantable well qualified bright Tobacco and rask which to him he oweth and from him he unjustly detraineth

And whereas on the sd^o Edward by Richard Marklin his atty ^{as} complaine that whereas the sd^o Sam: the 25th day of March Anno Dom: 1696 in Kent County within the Jurisdiction of this Court by his certain Bill or Writing obligatory sealed with his Seale as his Act and deed delivered and hereunto Court brought whose case is the same day and year