

Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County <sup>the</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of September Anno Dom 1697 that he take John Tidings if  
he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so  
that he have his Body before his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Justice at the next Court  
to Answer unto John Browne of London M<sup>er</sup> and Comp<sup>er</sup> of  
a plea of Trespass upon the case

At which Court viz: the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno Dom  
1697 the day of return of the writ came Capt Edward Swatnam  
high Sheriff of the County and made return of the writ in these  
Words viz: Copi corpus Edward Swatnam theff

On which day the said Defendant in his proper person appeared  
and prayer thereof to be adjourned until next Court which was gran-  
ted the said day is given to the Petitioner

And now heard at this day viz: the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November  
Anno Dom 1697 read the Pet by Richard Merklein his  
Attorney and the said cause standing for final Judgment viz:

John Browne Jun of London M<sup>er</sup> and Comp<sup>er</sup> p<sup>er</sup>ty

John Tidings Defendant

Kent ss: John Tidings of the  
County plant: Grand Attaches

to Answer unto John Browne Jun: of London M<sup>er</sup> and Comp<sup>er</sup>:  
of a plea of Trespass upon the case

And sheweth upon the Pet by Richard Merklein their Att<sup>ys</sup> com-  
plaining that sheweth the said John Tidings on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Novemb:  
Anno Dom 1696 in the County within the Jurisdiction of this Court at  
the special instance and request of him the said M<sup>er</sup>: Tidings that if  
they the said Pet<sup>er</sup> would deliver unto him the said M<sup>er</sup>: Tidings a certain  
pair of Millars of the value of three hundred pounds of Tobacco  
his the said M<sup>er</sup>: Tidings then and there upon himself assumed and to the  
said Pet<sup>er</sup> faithfully promised that he the said John Tidings the said  
Millars safe and in good Order without any damage to the  
Pet<sup>er</sup> would well and faithfully deliver when thereunto required  
and