

Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County the 23rd day of March 1697 that he take Thomas Stotton if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he bring his body before his Majesty's Justices at the next Court to answer unto James Mitchell of old England Master of a plea that he owed unto him £18 of Tobacco At which Court viz: the 2nd day of April Anno Dom 1698 the day of return of the writ came Capt. Andrew Swatnam High Sheriff of the County and made return of the writ in these words, Copied into Swatnam the

And now heard at this day the reasons standing for trial the Defendant being served with a Copy of the Writ according to an Act of Assembly in that respect made and provided by the 1st Pet by Richard Markin his Attorney at Law viz:

Kent J. Thomas Stotton otherwise called Thomas Stotton of the County of Kent was summoned to answer unto James Mitchell of London of old England Master of a plea that he owed unto him the full and just sum of six hundred and eighty pounds of Tobacco & also of ground Corn and several other things which to him he owed more than from him he unjustly obtained

And whereupon the said James Mitchell by Richard Markin his Attorney saith that he doth certify that Thomas Stotton on the 25th day of March Anno Dom 1697 at the River in the County within the Jurisdiction of this Court by his certain Bill or Writing obligatory sealed with his seal as he is att and doth delivered and heard into Court brought whose date is the said day and Year and find him self his Heirs Ex^{ors} Admin^{rs} and Assigns to pay or satisfy to the said James Mitchell the sum of six hundred and eighty pounds unto the said James Mitchell his Heirs Ex^{ors} Admin^{rs} or Assigns &c to his Law full Use &c as aforesaid