And Whereupon the afd Plaintiffs in their afd Capacities by Richd
Mackin their Atty Complaine that Whereas the said Robert
Norrest in his life time to wit the twenty sixth day of
March Anno Dom 1698 at Chester river in Kent County within the
Jurisdiction of this Court was possessed of a certaine young Mare
of the price of nine hundred pounds of Tobacco as of his own
Ward And being thereof so possed the said Robert Norrest lost the
said Mare out of his hands and possion which said Mare afterwards
that is to say the thirtyeth day of May then next following at Chester
afd by finding came to the hands and possion of the said Thomas
Hawkins yet the said Thomas knowing y.t Mare to be the goods
Mare of him the said Robert Norrest and to him in his life
time to Claime and to them the said Plaintiffs after the death of the
said Robert Norrest as Exrs of the last will and testament
of the said Robert Norrest of right to belong And Claime
And devising and fraudulently intending craftily and subtilly to
deceive and defraud the said Robert Norrest in his life time and
them the Exrs after the death of the said Robert Norrest the same
Mare to the said Robert Norrest in his life time or to the Exrs
after the death of the said Robert Norrest Altho: the sd Thomas
Hawkins by them the said Exrs was often required to do the
same after the death of the sd Robert Norrest he hath not delivered
but that Mare afterwards that is to say y.e 29th day of July Anno
Dm. 1701 at Chester river afd within the Jurisdiction afd hath
converted and disposed to his own use to the damage of them
said pltfs in their said Capacities 1800 lbs. and thereupon they
bring this Suit and into Court they bring their Bill Ready
Whereby &c. Machlin Atty. pledges &c. Jno. Doe. Ri Roe

And the Defend. by Mark his Atty comes and Appears &
prays leave to Imparle thereto until next Court which is
granted him the same day is given the plaint also &
this Appearing this Cause was Contd. until next Court Whereupon
said Next Court to wit this twenty fifth day of January 1702
Comes the said Plaint by their Atty afd and prays Judgt for
y.t that the Defend. hath not filed his plea according to the
rules of this Court in such cases provided - Which being the
Court Enquired of and found to be true It is by the Justices here
Considered y.t Same day and year y.t the said Plaints admr as afd
recover agt the said Tho. Hawkins Defr as well the said
Mare of the price afd and Damages by occasion of the Conversion afd

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