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anno Dni 1703. and now here this Court of pleas and allegations being read, & of Demd joyned, (before of justices here present) all which being Duely Considered (by of said justices) & maturely Deliberated;

It is therefore Considered here by of Court this two & twentieth Day of January anno Dni 1703 of of a plea of of a plea from his avon in Law, nor nor way, allowable to Recover the Debt from his avon as a plea brought; It is likewise Considered by of Court here, of same Day & year of of a plea, recover of of a plea as well of one thousand one hundred and seventy pounds of tobacco the Debt as of a sum of two hundred & thirty pounds of tobacco (of of Court and the Debt in Merit &c)

John Hawkins sen<sup>r</sup> Command was Given to of Sheriff of West County the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of January anno Dni 1702 to take John Lloyd of his body before of justices of West County, which was to be on the next Court held for West County, which was next following three & twentieth Day of March then next following

and when of Day of of return of writ came, viz of the Day of March of the Sheriff made return hereof. Capi. Capi. of me, John Hawkins Sheriff whereupon of of Debt appears, and pray by of Michael Earle his atty. prays leave to impale heron until next Court which is Granted him of same is Given - the plea allow, at of next Court this avon was continued until next of for it was Continued from Court to Court until this present Court, at of of Court comes as well of of Debt by his atty. as of of plea by of Michael Earle his atty. who declares as follows viz

Went of John Lloyd of of County stands attached to answer unto John Hawkins sen<sup>r</sup> late of of County Merchant in a plea of he owes to him the full & just sum of eight hundred pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco which to him he oweth and from him unjustly Detaineth.

and whereupon of of of Michael Earle his atty. Complaineth & saith that of of to wit of of Day of of anno Dni 1691 by of certain bill in writing obligatory sealed w<sup>th</sup> his seal as his act & Deed Delivered and here in Court brought whose Date is of Day & year of of of and him self his heires &c, and to pay or Cause to be paid unto of of John Hawkins Merchant of full & just quantitie of eight hundred pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco in Cash to be paid by said John Hawkins his heires &c, adm<sup>r</sup>, or assignes upon of tenth Day of of next ensuing the Date of of of bill in some convenient place in Chester River Notwithstanding of of John did not pay of of eight hundred pounds of tobacco according to of ten<sup>r</sup> of of of bill nor at any time since although of of Demanded of same to pay hath Denied & refused and still of of Denied & refused to the Damage of him the of John Hawkins 1000 of like tobacco & thereupon he brings this Suit Earle of of of of John Doe and De