

Kent James Dunham of West County Jctm was summoned to ans<sup>r</sup> unto James  
 Strath who as well for our Sovereign Lady of Queen as for himself in  
 this behalfe presented of a plea of the King's Bench of five hundred  
 pounds of Gold to them he would & unjustly detained.  
 And whereupon of James Strath who as well for our Lady of Queen as for  
 himselfe in this behalfe presented by Richard Macklin his Att<sup>y</sup> Serjeant of  
 whereas a certaine Act of a Parliament of his Province of Maryland made at  
 all a s<sup>es</sup>ion of a Parliament began & held at the Towne of Annapolis the  
 27<sup>th</sup> Day of June & ended the 22<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the Eleventh Year of the Reigne of  
 our late Sovereign Lord William the Third King of England the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
 his Majesty Nathaniel Blackton Esq<sup>r</sup> being then the most honorable  
 other things it was enacted as followeth (viz) That if any person or persons  
 whatsoever shall wilfully or willingly detaine any servant or s<sup>er</sup>vant  
 lawfully belonging him her or themselves from service of his her or their  
 master, mistress or Dame shall be fined five hundred pounds of Gold for every  
 night or four & twenty hours he or she or persons shall give intimation  
 to such s<sup>er</sup>vant unlawfully detaining him her or themselves as aforesaid  
 yet notwithstanding the said James Dunham the Act of a Parliament aforesaid  
 for nor especially in the same contained not fearing aforesaid that is to  
 say the third & fourth Day of April anno Domini 1703 at West County  
 to the Jurisdiction of this Court did wilfully & willingly detaine a certaine  
 Samuel Milton then s<sup>er</sup>vant to the said James Strath and of the said Milton  
 then & there by the space of four & twenty hours did intaine by which  
 arrears to the said James Strath as well on the s<sup>er</sup>vice of the said Lady of Queen  
 as of himselfe to have & require of the said James Dunham of a s<sup>er</sup>vice of  
 five hundred pounds of Gold, yet notwithstanding the said James Dunham of a s<sup>er</sup>vice of  
 a s<sup>er</sup>vice unto our Lady of Queen & of the said James Strath who as a s<sup>er</sup>vice  
 often required hath not paid but of s<sup>er</sup>vice to pay both Denied & refused  
 still to pay the said s<sup>er</sup>vice & unjustly detaine to the said James Dunham  
 of Queen & of the said James Strath who as a s<sup>er</sup>vice of the said s<sup>er</sup>vice  
 produced this suit Macklin Esq<sup>r</sup> Serjeant the John Doe & the

Co. as the s<sup>er</sup>vice of the said James Strath his s<sup>er</sup>vice & s<sup>er</sup>vice of s<sup>er</sup>vice &  
 injury when he & his s<sup>er</sup>vice s<sup>er</sup>vice  
 Not Guilty & patriam Erle De Dost  
 And if s<sup>er</sup>vice s<sup>er</sup>vice Macklin Esq<sup>r</sup>

Whereupon Command was given to the s<sup>er</sup>vice of West County of the s<sup>er</sup>vice  
 s<sup>er</sup>vice to come here twelve to by whom he & his s<sup>er</sup>vice  
 to recognize because as a s<sup>er</sup>vice who makes return of his s<sup>er</sup>vice  
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 James Dunham  
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 of the s<sup>er</sup>vice  
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 of writ of  
 by the s<sup>er</sup>vice  
 Strath as  
 with off  
 for his s<sup>er</sup>vice

Nathaniel  
 Robert

Whereupon  
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 of the s<sup>er</sup>vice  
 s<sup>er</sup>vice  
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