

The Decree  
sent out under  
your seal with  
execution

Sheweth heretofore of it to say, upon the nineteenth  
 day of March 1695 Thomas Dafforn of London Merchant  
 exhibited his bill of Complaint into this Court against  
 John Newman & Rebecca his wife Exec<sup>rs</sup> of the last will &  
 testament of John Bearecroft late of St. Martins County in  
 the Province of Maryland Merchant Dec<sup>d</sup> doct<sup>r</sup>; Thereby  
 setting forth that the sd. Bearecroft in the year 1676: designing a  
 Trading Voyage into this Province the Compt<sup>r</sup> at his the said  
 Bearecrofts request did instruct him with a cargo of goods  
 amounting to four hundred & six pound pounds two shillings  
 and six pence Sterl: as by a Copy of the Invoiced to the sd. Beare  
 amount may more at large appear w<sup>ch</sup> goods were upon  
 the ninth day of December in the year 1676 afo. shipped on Board  
 the Ann of London & sent with & consigned to the sd. Bearecroft  
 for Sales & returns who safely arrived w<sup>th</sup> the said in this  
 Province & sold & disposed of the sd. Cargo of goods for tobacco  
 the produce of w<sup>ch</sup> goods the sd. Bearecroft was obliged to make returns  
 and give a just & true account of y<sup>e</sup> Sales to y<sup>e</sup> Compt<sup>r</sup>. But y<sup>e</sup> said  
 Bearecroft having afterwards taken up his residence to inhabit  
 in this Province y<sup>e</sup> Compt<sup>r</sup> in many years could not get y<sup>e</sup> sd. Bearecroft  
 to account for y<sup>e</sup> Sales or any return of y<sup>e</sup> produce of y<sup>e</sup> goods  
 till ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> year 1681. and from y<sup>e</sup> sd. Bearecroft about 2000  
 of the produce of the sd. goods Bearecroft still pretending  
 the goods were much damaged & soe unfort<sup>ly</sup> that  
 that he could not sell or dispose of the said but so soon as  
 could sell y<sup>e</sup> said he would send him a just account, and  
 render him satisfaction for the said the Compt<sup>r</sup> running y<sup>e</sup>  
 hazard of bad debts & taking the goods again, & sent unto y<sup>e</sup>  
 before the sd. Bearecroft did render to y<sup>e</sup> Compt<sup>r</sup> an acc<sup>t</sup>. of the  
 produce of the Sales of the sd. Cargo w<sup>ch</sup> he sold at 5. p<sup>er</sup> cent w<sup>ch</sup>  
 that rate amounted to 166450. of tobacco to w<sup>it</sup> in August 1681  
 the sd. Bearecroft made his will & Testament in writing y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
 his Ex<sup>rs</sup> and dyed leaving a sufficient & small Estate of y<sup>e</sup> value of  
 20000. of tobacco to pay his just debts w<sup>ch</sup> a great overplus & all  
 before his death acquainted y<sup>e</sup> doct<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> debt due from him  
 to the Compt<sup>r</sup> & gave them in charge to see the said should  
 justly paid according as they should find the said sold in  
 Books of account But the doct<sup>r</sup> though often therunto requir<sup>d</sup>  
 by the Compt<sup>r</sup> though they had sufficient assets to pay the said  
 debt deny to satisfy the Compt<sup>r</sup> for the said or to come to  
 acc<sup>t</sup>. touching the produce of the sd. Cargo Therefore that the  
 doct<sup>r</sup> might answer the summons and produce y<sup>e</sup> sd. Bearecrofts  
 Books of account & pay y<sup>e</sup> Compt<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> was justly due to him & the  
 Compt<sup>r</sup> might be satisfied therin according to Equity the said  
 the day & assistance of this Court. Let y<sup>e</sup> process of Sp. A. in  
 be thereunto awarded ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> doct<sup>r</sup>. to appear & answer y<sup>e</sup> same  
 The w<sup>ch</sup> being accordingly ~~granted~~ granted y<sup>e</sup> doct<sup>r</sup> therin w<sup>ch</sup> served  
 appeared