August Court 1708

John Parsons
at
Thomas Beckles

Commanded it was to the Sheriff of Kent County the Twenty Seventh day of January in the Sixth year of the Reigne of Her now Majestie Anne &c that he take Thomas Beckles of Kent County Gent if he should be found in his Bailiwick & him safe keepe so that he shall be & his body before Her said Majesties Justices at the next Court to be held at the Court house at the Town & port of Chester in said County to Answer unto John Parsons of said County Planter of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and that he have then and there the said Writt &c. Att a Court held for said County the Twenty third day of March in the Seventh year of the Reigne of Her said Majestie the day of return of said writt came Edward Scott Sheriff of said County & made return thereon in these words hereon Endorsed viz: Cepi Corpus &c. Edw Scott Sheriff. And the said Deft being called cometh and the said pltff by Christopher Philips for his Attorney moves the Court here that Thomas Beckles the Deft may give Security to the said Action of Trespass John &c. was not granted —

And the said Deft by Michael Earle his Attorney appeared and prayed liberty thereof to imparle until next Court &c. which is him granted the same day was given the Pltff &c.

Att a Court held for said County the Twenty Second day of June in the year of our Lord Christ Majesties Reigne Anno Domi 1708 the said Cause was Continued until the then next Court

Att a Court held for said County the Twenty Seventh day of August in the year aforesaid the said cause was standing for Trial came the said pltff by Christopher Philips for his Attorney and the said Deft by Michael Earle his Attorney and the said pltff by his aforesaid Attorney declare viz — Kent County in Maryland ss. Thomas Beckles of Kent County aforesaid Gent was attached to Answer unto John Parsons of said County planter of a plea of Trespass upon the Case — And Whereupon the said John by Christopher Philips his Attorney complains for that whereas of a certain Thomas of Twenty sixth day of October Anno Domi 1707 Att Kent County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court in Consideration that the aforesaid John had at the speciall Instance & request of him of said Thomas permitted him the said Thomas to remaine & dwell upon a Certaine plantation of him the said John there & there being did upon himselfe assume — unto the said John then & there faithfully promise that he the said Thomas would not only depart from off & leave of the plantation of him the said John when by him thereunto required but also leave behind him there in good order & belonging to the said John without breaking, spoyling defacing, Imbezzling, or taking away, of any of the Goods & Chattels of him the said John there and there being or in any wise to him belonging as aforesaid Never the lesse the aforesaid Thomas his promise and assumption aforesaid in form aforesaid made not regarding but endeavouring to damnifie of the said John in his goods aforesaid as much as possible not only unwillingly when often required to leave the possession &c. he was so favourably permitted to upon the said plantation but also at & before his departure thence, which was upon the 17th day of December Anno Domi 1707 did fraudulently pull off

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