

March Court 1745

Admitted and Sworn and at y<sup>e</sup> request of a Certain Richard Draftgate  
Factor of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ts</sup>. produces and Exhibited according to the Custom of  
Merchants the first of the afo<sup>re</sup> three Bills of Exchange the second or third  
Bills of y<sup>e</sup> same tenor & date not being paid or accepted unto the afo<sup>re</sup>.  
William Cordun to whom y<sup>e</sup> same for payment was directed and demanded  
payment of y<sup>e</sup> Contents thereof according to y<sup>e</sup> tenor & Effect of the same.  
Bill which said William Cordun, afterwards at y<sup>e</sup> time & place last  
said Answered that he would not pay y<sup>e</sup> said first Bill of Exchange  
for want of Effects whereupon afterwards viz at y<sup>e</sup> time & place  
last said Notary publick did according to y<sup>e</sup> use and Custom amongst  
Merchants and at y<sup>e</sup> request of the afo<sup>re</sup> said Draftgate solemnly protest  
against the said James Crawford drawer of the said Bills and all others  
concerned for all change rechange Costs damages & Interest suffered & to be  
suffered for want of payment of the said Bill as by the p<sup>ts</sup> first Bill of  
Exchange so as afo<sup>re</sup> protested with y<sup>e</sup> Instrument of protest in writing in  
Common form under y<sup>e</sup> hand & Seal of y<sup>e</sup> said Notary here in Court brought  
may appear and the said p<sup>ts</sup> further in fact say that they in y<sup>e</sup> life time  
of the said James viz the twenty second day of June Anno Domini Seventeen  
hundred & thirteen at y<sup>e</sup> parish of St. Paul in Kent County afo<sup>re</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>re</sup> -  
Jurisdiction of y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>re</sup> protest gave y<sup>e</sup> said James Notice And June y<sup>e</sup> death  
of y<sup>e</sup> said James they also the third day of May Anno Domini Seventeen  
hundred & fourteen at y<sup>e</sup> County & Jurisdiction last said gave the said Deft.  
notice and that neither of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ts</sup> three Bills was accepted or paid notwithstanding  
y<sup>e</sup> said James in his life time and the said Deft since his Death to whom  
Letters of Administration in due forme of Law have been committed y<sup>e</sup> -  
Promise & assumption of y<sup>e</sup> said James so as afo<sup>re</sup> made not minding but  
plotting & contriving y<sup>e</sup> same p<sup>ts</sup> in the Behalfe Craftily to draw &  
demand y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>re</sup> ten pounds & four Shillings Sterling money with the Cost  
Damage and Interest amounting to y<sup>e</sup> sum of two pounds & nine pence  
Sterling money which by y<sup>e</sup> Laws of this Land & Customs amongst  
March.