

June Court 1717

the Town of Chester in Said County to answer unto Jⁿ Johnson of a plea that he render unto him the Sum of Two Thousand pounds of Tobacco of the value of Sixteen pounds Sterling which from him he unjustly detains &c. and that he have then and there the Said writ &c. All which Said next Court viz. the twentieth day of November the same year last mentioned the day of return of Said writ came William Frisby Esq^r High Sheriffe of Said County and made return thereof in these words thereon endorsed as folo
 viz. Capi Corpus & W^m Frisby Sheriff

And the Said Deft in his proper person appeared to the Said action and prayed liberty thereof to imparle thereto and to answer at next Court which was granted the same day was given the p^{tt} also

All which Said next Court viz. the nineteenth day of March the same year last mentioned the Said Cause was continued untill next Court

All which Said next Court viz. the eighteenth day of June Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen the Said Cause Standing for tryall came the Said p^{tt} by Thomas Browne his atty and the Said Deft by John Roberts his atty and the Said p^{tt} by his Said atty declare as folo viz Maryland Kent County & Thomas Tolley late of Kent County Esq^r was summoned to answer unto Jⁿ Johnson of a plea that he render unto him the Sum of two Thousand pounds of Tobacco of the value of Sixteen pounds Sterling which from him he unjustly detains &c. And where upon the Said John by Thomas Browne his atty says that whereas in an Act of Assembly of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Anne at the port of Annapolis in Annapolis County the Twelveth day of April in the third year of her Said Majesty's Reigne held for the province of Maryland it stands ordained & enacted that from & after the publication thereof any person or persons whatsoever intend to depart this province should first give notice of his her or there intended departure by setting up his her or there name or names at the Secretarys office the full space of three months that if in the time afo^r no person should under write the Said person or persons so setting up his or there respective name or names as afo^r it should be then lawfull for the Governour Keeper of the great Seal or Secretary of this province for the time being to sign a pass to any such person or persons to depart this province for which the party should pay to the person signing the same the Sum of two Shillings & Six pence Sterling & if any person or persons upon any sudden or emergent occasion should be necessitated to depart this province not having sett up his her or there names at the Secretarys office as afo^r then such person or persons giving good & sufficient security to discharge & pay all debts and duties so far as should be due and owing from the Said person to any the inhabitants of this province then the person or persons should have a pass as afo^r