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March Court 1717

and Did Thomas Theakstone of Kent County in ye Province above said  
planter if he should be found in the Bailiwick and him safe keep so  
that he have his body before his said Lord High Justice of the said Court  
to be held at our Court house in the Town of Chester in said County to answer  
unto William Swatnam & John Whittington of a plea that he render to  
them of full sum and neat quantity of fifteen thousand eight hundred and  
fourteen pounds of good Sound Merchantable well qualified bright Tobacco and  
Coke Clean from all manner of trash of y<sup>e</sup> price & value of eighty pounds  
Sterling money which he unjustly detains &c. and that he have them  
and there the said writ &c. At which said next Court viz. the  
nineteenth day of November the same year last mentioned the day  
of return of said writ came Simon Wilmer Esq. High Sheriff of said  
County and made return thereof in these words Thereon Indorsed as  
follows viz. Copy Copy of Simon Wilmer Sher. and a deed being  
shown said writ issued forth a Copy thereof presented accordingly to  
Act of Assembly in such case made was as follows viz. Kent County Maryland  
vs. Thomas Theakstone of Kent County planter and Did Thomas Theakstone  
of Kent County in ye Province above said planter was summoned to  
answer unto William Swatnam and John Whittington of a plea that  
he render to them of full sum and neat quantity of fifteen thousand eight  
hundred and fourteen pounds of good Sound Merchantable well qualified  
bright Tobacco and Coke Clean from all manner of trash of y<sup>e</sup> value of eighty  
pounds Sterling money which he unjustly detains &c. and whereas the  
said William & John by Thomas Deane their atty. say that whereas the said  
Thomas Theakstone of nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord Christ  
Seventeen hundred and thirteen at St. Pauls Parish in Kent County of ye  
ye Jurisdiction of this Court by his certain Will obligatory which he the said  
Thomas Theakstone sealed with his seal and as his deed delivered hereto  
Court brought the date whereof is of same day & year of bound himselfe  
to pay or cause to be paid to the said William Swatnam & John Whittington  
or to either of them by y<sup>e</sup> name of William Swatnam & John Whittington  
of Queen Anns County Com. of Edward Bathurst the said full sum and neat  
quantity of fifteen thousand eight hundred and fourteen pounds of good Sound  
Merchantable well qualified bright Tobacco and Coke Clean from all manner of  
trash of the said price and value of eighty pounds Sterling money & was said in  
of Kent County as when hereto required yett the said Thomas Theakstone altho  
often required the said fifteen thousand eight hundred & fourteen pounds of Tobacco  
to the said William and John or to either of them hitherto hath not paid  
but that to them and every of them to render or pay the said Thomas  
Theakstone hitherto hath denied and yett doth deny & unjustly detains  
to y<sup>e</sup> damage of y<sup>e</sup> said p<sup>ts</sup>. ninety pounds Sterling money & whereupon  
they being s<sup>ts</sup> &c.   
M<sup>o</sup>rrice of ye. for John Doe & Richard Roe