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of a plea that he renders unto the Said Lord Proprietary and the Said Laughlin Plim two Thousand pounds of Tobacco of the value of twenty pounds Sterling which from the Said Lord Proprietary and the Said Laughlin he unjustly detaineth &c.

And whereupon the Said Laughlin who as well for the Said Prop. as for himself prosecuteth in this Behalf by M. Howard his atty. Saith that whereas by an Act of Assembly of this Province made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis in Annapolis County the twenty Sixth day of April in the first year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord the King that now is and in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and fifteen and there continued till the third day of June in the year afo. Entituled an Act. relating to Servants and Slaves by the Said Lord the Kings Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of his Majesties Governour Council and the then Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the Same It was then and there among other things enacted that no person whatsoever should trade barter Commerce or any way deal with any Servant whether hired or indentured or a Slave belonging or appertaining to any Inhabitant within this Province without leave or licence first had and obtained from such Servants Master Mistres Dame or Overseer for his so doing under the penalty of two Thousand pounds of Tobacco the one half to the Master Mistres or true owner of such goods so purchased bartered or conveyed away when proved by sufficient witness or Confession of the party to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province by Action of Debt. Bill plaint or Information wherein no Escoijn protection or wager of Law to be allowed Nevertheless the Said Christopher Bateman now deceased regarding the Said Act of Assembly nor dreading the penalty thereof on the twenty ninth day of July and twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and eighteen at Saint Pauls Parish in the County afo. within the Jurisdiction of this Court did trade barter and Deal with a Certain indentured Servant called Edward Spargo being the proper Servant of the Said Laughlin Plim without having first obtained leave or licence of the Said Laughlin for one Jugg of Madera Wine Containing about two Gallons of wine two bottles of the like wine and two bottles of Rum all of the value of twenty Shillings Current money of Maryland against the forme of the Said Act of Assembly by which and by Vertue of and other Act of Assembly made at a Session of the Same Assembly