

Detain & to the retarding her in the Execution of the Last will and Testament aforesaid whereof the said Margaret Lady Baltimore saith she is the worse and hath annexed to that Value of fifteen hundred Pounds of Tobacco and thereof she brings this Suit & — and the said Margaret brings into Court the Letter Testamentary aforesaid of the aforesaid Lord Baron of Baltimore the Testator by which it plainly appears to the Court here her the said Margaret to be the Ex<sup>or</sup> of the Testament of the said Lord Baron of Baltimore & — the testator thereupon to have Administration & — L. Gale Esq<sup>r</sup>: pledged & John Doe Esq<sup>r</sup> Doe

And the said Abigail Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> as aforesaid by George Daffiell her attorney comes and Defends the force and Injury when & and prays Leave to Imparle hereunto until the next Court and she hath it and the same day is given to the Pl<sup>t</sup> also at which said next Court to wit the eighteenth day of August Anno: Domini One thousand Seven hundred and twenty four came againe as well the said Pl<sup>t</sup> as the said Defend<sup>t</sup>: by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Def<sup>t</sup> by her said attorney prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto until the next Court and she hath it and the same day is given to the Pl<sup>t</sup> also —

At which said next Court to wit the Eighteenth day of August Anno: Domini One thousand Seven hundred and twenty four came againe as well the said Pl<sup>t</sup> as the said Def<sup>t</sup> by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Def<sup>t</sup> by her said attorney aforesaid as before Defends the force and Injury when and & And saith that the aforesaid Margaret in her Capacity aforesaid her action aforesaid to have Ought not because she saith that by a Statute out of Assembly of this Province made at a sessions of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the twenty sixth day of April Anno: Domini One thousand Seven hundred and fifteen it stands enacted amongst other things that all other Actions Brought on Bill Bond &c shall be Forfeited within the term of twelve years from the day of the date of the said Obligation And whereas the said Margaret hath committed this suite on a Bond Dated the third day of April One thousand Six hundred and eighty eight so that no Actions being committed within the Term of Twelve years aforesaid being the time Limited by the said Act for Actions to be brought on Obligations which she in her Capacity is ready to Verify wherefore the said Def<sup>t</sup> Prays Judgment: if the Pl<sup>t</sup> her action against her to have Ought &c — Daffiell & Def<sup>t</sup> —

Whereupon the action aforesaid between the party's aforesaid is Continued by the Court at the prayer of the Pl<sup>t</sup> by her attorney aforesaid, until the next Court, and the same day is given to the Pl<sup>t</sup> also —

At which said next Court to wit the Seventeenth day of November: Anno: Domini One thousand Seven hundred and twenty four came againe the said Def<sup>t</sup> by her attorney aforesaid; whereupon the aforesaid Def<sup>t</sup> Prays that the aforesaid Pl<sup>t</sup> to her plea aforesaid may answer &c But the said Pl<sup>t</sup> att<sup>r</sup>o; solemnly (called)