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and prayeth Leave to Imparte hereunto unles the next Court and he hath it & the same day is given to the
plth also --- Att which said next Court to wit the Eighteenth day of August and Dow One thousand Seven
hundred and twenty four came againe as were the said plth by his attorney apd as the said doft in his own proper
person and the said doft prayeth further Leave to Imparte hereunto unles the next Court and he hath it & the
same day is given to the plth also

Att which said next Court to wit the Seventeenth day of November and Dow One thousand Seven hundred
and twenty four came againe as were the said doft by his attorney apd as the said Thomas Layfield in
his own proper person, and thereupon the said doft saith that he cannot give way the plth his action apd do
as apd against him brought ne farther say but that the said doft ought to recover his damages by reason of the
Breaches apd to Six pounds Curr: money of Virginia and Costs of Suite against him which the said doft doth
not gain say & --- Therefore it is considered by the Court here the same day and Year last mentioned
that the said doft recover against the apd Thomas Layfield as well the sum of Six pound Curr: money
(309) of Virginia his damages apd in form apd confessed as also the sum of three hundred and Nine
pounds of tobacco by the Court here ad judged unto him for his costs and Charges by him about his Suite in this behalf said
out and Expended. and orderd in Mery do

At: His Lordship & Richard Hickman

Somerset County

Sturges Dixon of allsholms.

Sturges Dixon

parish in Somerset County planter was summoned to answer unto the
Right honourable the Lord proprietary of this province that now is and

Richard Hickman who as well for the said Lord proprietary as for himself in that
part follows of agree that he tender unto the said Lord proprietary and the said Richard Hickman
fifteen thousand pounds of tobacco which to the said Lord proprietary and the said Richard Hickman he
oweth and unjustly detaineth &c --- And whereupon the said Richard Hickman who as well
for the Right honourable the Lord proprietary of this province as for himself in that part follows by Francis
Allen his attorney saith that whereas in an act of assembly of this province made and past at a special
assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the twenty fifth day of August in the first year of the
Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King
defender of the faith &c. and Dow One thousand Seven hundred and fifteen it was Enacted by the King's
most Excellent Majesty that now is by and with the advice and consent of his said Majesty's Governor
Council and assembly of the said province and authority of the same that any person or persons
whatsoever that should willingly or unwillingly entertain any Servant or Slave unlawfully absenting him
her or themselves, from his her or their Master Mistress Dame or Overseer, should be fined five hundred
red pounds of tobacco for every Night or twenty four hours that such person or persons should
give Entertainment as apd. & one half to his said Majesty his heirs and Successors for support
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