

Support of Government and the other halves to the Informer, or him or them that should sue for the same to be recovered in any Court of this province by action of Debt Bill plaint or Information wherein no special protection or wager of Law should be allowed as by the said act of assembly amongst other things doth fully appear, which said act of assembly now is in full force and undoubted Notwithstanding the said Sturges Dixon the said act of assembly Little Regarding nor the penalty in the same act contained in any wise fearing, the twenty Ninth day of April Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & twenty four at all hollows parish aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court a certain Negro woman Slave then and there as yett the Slave of him the said Richard Hickman unlawfully absconding herself from the Service of him the said Richard Hickman into the Service of him the said Sturges Dixon did Receive and take, and her the said Negro Slave Sarah Wittingly & Wittingly did entertain by the Space of thirty days and thirty Nights vizt: the aforesaid twenty ninth day of April in the year aforesaid and the thence ensuing Night & twenty nine days and nights then and there ensuing the said Sturges Dixon well knowing the said Negro woman Slave Sarah to be the Slave of him the said Richard Hickman and to have unlawfully absconded herself from his Service contrary to the form of the act of assembly aforesaid by which, and one other act of assembly made at a session of assembly of this province aforesaid held at City of Annapolis the seventeenth day of July One thousand Seven hundred and sixteen Entituled an act for transferring the payments of all such fines and forfeitures as shall hereafter arise or happen upon the breach of any the penal Laws of this province to the Right honourable the Lord proprietary which are owed to the same Lord proprietary and the said Richard Hickman to require and have of the said Sturges Dixon the sum of fifteen thousand pounds of tobacco, Nevertheless the said Sturges Dixon the after Required the said fifteen thousand pounds of tobacco to the said Lord proprietary and the said Richard Hickman who as well &c. hath not tendered but the same to them hitherto to tender hath delayed and still doth delay and unjustly detain whereupon the said Richard Hickman who as well &c. saith he is worse and hath damage to the value of twenty thousand pounds of tobacco and thereupon as well for the said Lord proprietary as for himself bringeth this Suite by

Whereupon the said Sturges Dixon being called appears and thereupon the said Sturges Dixon at the prayer of the said attorney aforesaid is adjudged to give Special Bail to the action aforesaid but for want thereof the said Sturges Dixon is committed into the custody of the Sherd. of - Somerset County thereto lawfully &c. the said Sherd. present herein hath took Charge of the said