

August Court 1726

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Mr. Joseph M'Gester morandum the 27th by Leon Gale his attorney sued out his Lordships
writ of attachment against the debt the tenor whereof followeth in these
words vid. Somerset Charles absolute Lord & Proprietary of the
provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore & so ydsd.
of Somewell County Greeting we Command you & you attach any goods Chattels Rights or
Credits of Thomas Layfield Late of Somewell County Gent if they shall be found in your
Baily wch to of value offour thousand three hundred & Seventy eight pounds of lobs.
and when you have of same attached or any part thereof of same in your custody safely keep
so that you have of same Before the Justice of our County Court of Somewell to be held at
Dividing Creek y^r third tuesday of August next to satisfy unto Jas: M'Gester as well of
Sum of three thousand six hundred & Eighty One pound of lobs. Certain Damages Recovered
against him before the Justice of our said Court as also the sum offour hundred &
thirty six pounds of lobs. Costs of Suit whereof he is Convict as all Costs accruing upon this
Our writ of attachment there to be Condemned according to Law & by good & lawfull
men of your Baily wch you make Known unto the person or persons in whose hands you
make of same attachment y^r he or they be & appear before y^r Justices of our said County
Court to be held as ap to their cause if any he she or they have why the same goods Chattel
Rights or Credits so attached in his her or their hands Ought not to be Condemned & Executed
Whereof had & Made according to the form of y^r act of assembly in such case made & provided
if to him her or them it shall seeme male & how you shall execute this Writ that you make
Known unto our said Justices at y^r same day & place ap & have you them there this Writ
Witness Samuell Hopkins Gent Chief Justice of our said Court W^r

At which said third Tuesday of August to wit the Sixteenth day of the same month and year
One thousand Seven hundred and twenty six being the day of the returne of the Said Writ Committed to
said Joseph M'Gester by his attorney apd and the Sheriff of Somerset County to whom the foregoing
writ was directed Likewise Comer and makes return hereof Admired by: By virtue of y^r within
Writ come Directed Certify I have attached Nine pounds fifteen shillings in cash of the money
of y^r within named Thomas Layfield which sum I have in my hands ready to satisfy
y^r within named Jas: M'Gester in part of his Debt & Cost within Mentioned but have nett
further More good or Chattel whereon could Satisfie y^r said due & answeres from Allen ther
Whereupon the afo Joseph M'Gester by his attorney apd prays that the afo sum of Nine pounds
fifteen shillings in cash so as apd attached as of the Rights and Credits of the afo Thomas Layfield
may be Condemned in the hands of the afo Francis Allen towards satisfying unto the afo Joseph
M'Gester as well the sum of four thousand three hundred and Seventy eight pounds of lobs as also
the costs accruing upon this our writ of attachment

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the Sixteenth day of August and year One
thousand Seven hundred and twenty six apd that the afo Nine pounds fifteen shillings cash 100/- apd
attached be Condemned in the hands of the Said Francis Allen as of the Rights and Credits of the afo Tho
Layfield towards satisfying unto the afo Joseph M'Gester his damages & costs apd and that the said
Joseph M'Gester have hereof his Rec^e against the said Francis Allen according to act of Assembly
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