

All which said third Tuesday of March ~~the~~ to wit the twenty first day of the same month anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & twenty six being the day of the return of the said writ Cometh the said Jos: MacCester by his atty & the Sher: of Soudsett County to whom the foregoing writ was directed likewise Cometh & Maketh return there of to the Court here Endorsed in these words following vizt - Legi Corpus Deo Delicti in fine me Francis Allen Sher -

And the said Michael Holland ^{being} present here in Court is at y^e prayer of the Pl^t to atty & ad judged to give Special Bail to y^e action of the said James Dickenson late of Soudsett County Blanter undertakes for the said Michael Holland y^e if in case y^e said Jos: MacCester shall recover Judgment in y^e plea against y^e said Michael Holland or y^e said Michael Holland shall be therein Convict if then he y^e said Michael Holland shall ~~not~~ pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or tender his Body to y^e custody of y^e Sher: of Soudsett County in satisfaction thereof or y^e said James Dickenson will do it for him &c

Whereupon the said Michael Holland in his own proper person Cometh & Defends the fore & Injury when ^{above} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~cannot~~ ^{cannot} gain say y^e action of the said Jos: MacCester ^{but} ~~he~~ ^{he} did assume upon ~~himself~~ ^{himself} in manner & form as y^e said Jos: MacCester hath sustained Dam^t by occasion of y^e non performance of his promise & assumption of two hundred & sixty five p^{ts} of Tob^o & the same Dec^d in all y^e words before Expressly Confesseth &c

Therefore it is Considered y^e y^e said Jos: MacCester Recover against y^e said Michael Holland as well y^e Sum of Six hundred & sixty five p^{ts} of Tob^o his Damages as by him in his Dec^d above supposed as also y^e Sum of three hundred & Twenty one p^{ts} of Tob^o for his Costs & Charges by him about his Suite in y^e part ^{Deposited} to the same Joseph by y^e Court here of his assent ad judged and the said Jos: MacCester in Mercy &c

By the same Command was given to the Sher: of Soudsett County y^e he should take James Russell late of Soudsett County Blanter who he should be found in his Bailly with him should safe keep so y^e he might have his body Before the Justices of his Lordships County of Soudsett to be held at Dividing Creek the third Tuesday of March then next to answer unto Jos: MacCester of a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c and that there of he should not fail &c And y^e said Jos: MacCester by Levin Gale his atty Declared against y^e said James Russell in y^e plea as follows vizt - Soudsett sh^{ip} James Russell late of Soudsett County Blanter was attached to answer unto Jos: MacCester of a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c And whereupon y^e same Jos: by Levin Gale his atty Complaind y^e whereas the said James the tenth day of Novemb^r anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & twenty six was Indebted to y^e said Jos: in the sum of eight hundred & sixty three p^{ts} of Tob^o as by aut^h here with in Court produced may appear & so there of being Indebted the said James in consideration thereof afterwards to wit y^e same daye year at y^e County of & with in the said sh^{ip} upon himself assumed & to the said Jos: then & there faithfully promised y^e he when afterwards he should be there to requite the said Sum of eight hundred & sixty three p^{ts} of Tob^o to the same Jos: would well & faithfully Content & pay Nevertheless the said James his promise & assumption (add)