

If Adam Hilt
Edward Johnson
of
Slate of Stegney parish in Somerset County Milwright if he should be found in his body a
wound and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his
Bridgwater County Court of Somerset to be held at Bridgwater on the third Tuesday of March then went to
answer unto Adam Hilt of a plea of trespass upon the case & — and that there of he should not fail &
which said third Tuesday of March to wit the sixteenth day of the same month anno Domini One thousand
seven hundred and twenty four being the day of the return of the said Will Comell the afo Adam Hilt by
his attorney afo and the Sheriff of Somerset County to whom the process was directed Likewise Comell
and myself return thereto the Court here endorsed in these words following videlicet Joseph
Masterton Sheriff —

Whereupon the said Sheriff afo solemnly called being not in the body of the said Adam Hilt
Edward Johnson according to the Return of the writ in the plea afo. And the said Sheriff present here
in Court prays further day until next Court to bring in the said Edward Johnson to answer to the same
day is given to the afo Court also — And the afo Adam Hilt declared against the afo Edward
Johnson in the plea afo as followeth First. Somerset County vs. Edward Johnson Slate of Stegney
Parish in Somerset County Milwright was attached to answer unto Adam Hilt of a plea of trespass
upon the case &c. And whereupon the same Adam by Leon Gale his attorney complained that
whereas the afo Edward Johnson the tenth day of November anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and twenty
four at the County afo within the Jurisdiction of this Court was indebted unto the afo Adam in the sum
of eighteen pounds three shillings and two pence half a penny curr. money of this province a by an
accord here with in Court produced may appear and so here of being indebted the same Edward in
consideration thereof afterwards to wit the day and year afo at the County afo within the Jurisdiction
afo upon himself assumed and to the same Adam faithfully promised that he the said Edward the afo
sum of eighteen pounds three shillings and two pence half a penny curr. money to the afo Adam when
afterwards he should be demanded he would well and faithfully content and pay Nevertheless the
said Edward Johnson his promise and assumption afo informed afo made a little regarding and gloating
and fraudulently intending the afo Adam Hilt in that part craftily and Subtilty to defraud & deceive
the afo Edward the afo sum of eighteen pounds three shillings and two pence half a penny currant
money or any part thereof to the afo Adam Hilt afo afterward to wit the fifteenth day of
November seventeen hundred and twenty four at the County afo within the Jurisdiction afo he the said
Edward was demanded he had not paid him the said Edward for it in any wise contented
but the same Edward Johnson the same to do hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse
whereby the same Adam says he is worse and hath damage to the value of forty pounds curr.