in that part Craftilly and Subtilly to Defraud & Deceive the afs Sum of Eleven hundred & Sixty Six ds of Tob. Vnto the afs Robert in his Lifetime nor the afs Mary Since his Death whilst she was sole nor the afs James & Mary Since the Espousalls between them Celebrated hath not paid nor any of them for it in any wise Contented although the Said Wm the Same to doe afterwards to wit the tenth day of May Anno Dom: one thousand Seven hundred & twenty four by the Said Robert in his life time & the tenth day of May Anno Dom: one thousand Seven hundred & twenty five by the Same James & Mary Since the death of the afs Robert & the Espousalls between them Celebrated at Somersett Cty afs within the Jurd: afs was thereto requested but the Said Wm the Same hitherto to Doe hath altogether refused & still doth refuse Whereby the Same James & Mary Say they are worse & hath Damd: to ye value of two thousand three Hundred & thirty two ds of Tob: thereof they bring this Suite &c And the Same James & Mary brings here into Court the Letters testamentary afs & by which &c

Seal of Quer: pledges Id Doe & Rich Roe

Wm: Eskridge Dr to the Estate of Mr. Robert Martin Contra Cr

1720	To Abigall New Bolds aut		301
	To C: G: Boardly		171
	To Mr Francis Allen		100
	To Capt Nath: Hovey Nl		10
	To Capt & Copy d Ditto		41
1721	To 3 Levies	d 109	327
1722	To Forbearance — 28 p Ct		144
1724	To Ditto		72
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And the afs Wm Eskridge by George Dashiell his attly Comes & Defends the force and Injury When &c & Prays Leave to Imparle here unto untill the Next Court and he hath it & the Same day is given to the afs James & Mary here also &c

At which said Next Court to wit the Nineteenth day of March Anno Dom: One thousand Seven hundred and twenty Seven Came again as well the afs James Martin and Mary his wife &c. as afs by their attorney afs as the said William Eskridge in his own proper person, and the said William saith that he cannot gainsay the Debts their action afs against him brought nor can he say but that he owes the afs Debts to the afs One thousand One hundred and Sixty Six pounds of tobo as the Debts above against him have declared and the Same declaration in all the words before expressly confesseth &c.

Therefore it is considered by the Court here the Same day and Year Last mentioned that the afs James Martin and Mary his wife Exrtrix as afs. Recover against the afs Wm Eskridge One thousand One hundred and Sixty Six pounds of tobacco their damages afs. in form afs confessed as also the Sum Two hundred and thirty five — pounds of tobacco for their Costs and Charges by them about 235: of their Suite in that Part expended by the Court here of their assent adjudged and the afs Defdt in Mercy

Thomas Gillis — Commissioner & affidavitts

Somersett ss. Charles absolute Lord & proprietary of the provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord baron of Baltimore &c To George Dashiell the Leatherbury Henry Ballard and Edward Northall of Somersett Cty Gentn Greeting Know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine Witnesses on behalfe of a certain Thos Gillis &c