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To give General Bail to the action aforesaid, Whereupon a certain Thomas Hearn of Somerset County planter present here in Court undertakes for the Said William Hearn that in case the Said Thomas Layfield shall recover Judgment in the plea aforesaid against the Said William Hearn or that the Said William Hearn shall be Hearer Council that then he the Said William Hearn shall pay the Judgment of this Court the same upon or tender his body to the custody of the Sheriff of Somerset County in Satisfaction thereof or that he the Said Thomas Hearn shall do the same for him &c.

Afterwards came the Said William Hearn in his proper person and said, that he force and injury wherein and says that he cannot satisfy the action aforesaid of the aforesaid Thomas Layfield, nor can he say but that the writing Obligatory aforesaid is his deed, nor but that he owe the same Thomas Layfield the aforesaid two thousand eight hundred and seventy two pounds of tobacco in manner and form as the aforesaid Thomas Layfield above against him declared &c.

Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid Thomas Layfield recover against the aforesaid William Hearn his debt aforesaid and his damages by reason of the detaining of the same debt to 321. Three hundred & Twenty one p<sup>t</sup>. pounds of tobacco to the same Thomas Layfield of his aforesaid by the Court here adjudged and the aforesaid William in Money &c.

At the same Somerset County before William Hearn late of Somerset County planter & deceased  
for the same - Willm<sup>m</sup> Hearn of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland.  
Planter was summoned to answer unto Thomas Layfield of Copley  
that he render unto him five thousand seven hundred and forty four pounds  
of tobacco which to him he owes and Unjustly Detains &c.  
And Whereupon the Said Thomas by Francis Allen his Attorney saith that  
whereas the Said William the first day of November Sixteen hundred and  
twenty Seven at the County of Somerset aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of  
this Court by his certain Writing Obligatory w<sup>t</sup> to the Said Thomas with the  
Seal of the Said Willm<sup>m</sup> Signed here into Court brings the date whereof is the  
Same day and Year did acknowledge himself to be bound unto the Said  
Thomas in the aforesaid five thousand seven hundred and forty four pounds of  
tobacco to be paid unto the Said Thomas when he should be thereunto  
required yett the Said Willm<sup>m</sup> tho' often required the Said five thousand seven  
hundred and forty four pounds of tobacco to the Said Thomas hath not  
rendered but the same to him hitherto to render hath denied and still doth  
Deny and Unjustly Detain to the Damage of the Said Thomas offour thousand  
pounds of tobacco and thereupon he brings Suite -

Whereupon the Said William Hearn at the prayer of the aforesaid Thomas Layfield  
is adjudged to give Special Bail to the Action aforesaid thereupon a certain

- Thomas.