

As follows the said Somerset County J. John Donaldson Late of Somerset County merchant otherwise called John Donaldson of Somerset County in the presence of Maryland Merch: was summoned to answer unto Amos Woodward of a plea that he tender unto him forty one pound Seven Shillings and Six pence current Money which to him he owes and unjustly Detains &c. - And whereupon the same Amos by James Shirley his Attorney saith that whereas the said John the Fifth day of July and some seven hundred and twenty eight at Somerset County afo and within the Jurisdiction of this court by his certain Writing Obligatory which he the said Amos with the Seal of him the said John Sealed here into court bearing the date thereof is the same day and year did acknowledge himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Amos in the aforesaid forty one pound Seven Shill: and Six pence cur: money afo to be paid unto the said Amos when he the said John by him the said Amos should be thereunto required yet he the said John tho often thereunto required the said forty one pound Seven Shill: and Six pence to the said Amos hath not rendered but the same to him hitherto to render hath Denyed and still doth deny and unjustly Detain whereupon he the said Amos saith that he is made ware and hath damage to the value of one hundred pounds like money afo and thereupon he brings suit in Shirley Alley of Quia Flego pro &c. Jac. Roe

Copy of the foregoing declaration was made and sent to be served on the debt with the writ in the place afo.

All which said writ went to writ the fifteenth day of November and some seven hundred and thirty being the day of the return of the said writ Cometh the afo Amos Woodward by his attorney afo and the Sheriff of Somerset County to whom the foregoing writ was directed Likewise Cometh and maketh return thereof to the Court here endorsed but Copy of the said delivered in time of John Burnall Clerk

And the afo John Donaldson by Levi Gale his attorney afo comes and defends the fine and Injury when he and saith that he cannot gain say the action aforesaid of the afo Amos nor can he say but that the writing Obligatory aforesaid is the deed of the same John nor but that he owes the same Amos the afo forty one pound Seven Shillings and Six pence cur: money in manner and form as the afo Amos above against him hath Declared.

Therefore it is considered that the afo Amos Woodward Recover against the afo John Donaldson his debt afo and his Damages by reason of the detaining of the same debt to three hundred & Sixty three p. of tobacco to the same Amos of his afo by the Court here adjudged with Stay of Execution for Six months and afo defend: in money, memoand: the afo by his attorney Robert the penalty lessening the principal debt and subsequent payment &c.

Ld. James Shirley	Robert Adkins to James Shirley	100	Somerset County J. May 26. 1731. This Case before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the peace for the County afo James Shirley and made Oath upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the above amount is just and true to the best of his knowledge and that he hath led no part or power thereof nor Security nor Satisfaction to the same
Robert Adkins	William Richards agt Robt Adkins for Cur fee	100	
	John Huntington agt the same for fee	100	
	John Howard agt the same - Cur fee	100	
	To one adms fee	100	
	Quack Warden at hollows parish agt the same	100	
	The same against the same for	100	
	To detaining fee	100	
	To appearing for him & his wife in Court	100	
	To liquor amount	100	
		800	
Cash Express by me this day of May among Dowd. 1731			
Ia Shirley			
Ivora before me - John Stott			

Somerset County J. A being made appear to me John Stott one of his L. Ships Justices of the county of Somerset aforesaid the peace a signed to keep that Robt Adkins late of Somerset County Planter is actually Run away and has or is about to remove his effects out of this county to Decieve his creditors you are hereby required