

That whereas the said Thomas Billings the seventeenth day of March which was in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and twenty Nine thirty at Somerset County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory had granted himself to be bound unto the said Thomas Lambden in the said Sum of Twenty two pounds Curr: and lawfull money of this Province of Maryland to be paid unto the same Thomas Lambden when thereof afterward he should be required Nevertheless the said Thomas Billings altho' often required the said Twenty two pounds unto the said Thomas Lambden hath not paid but that unto him hitherto to pay altogether hath refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the same Thomas Lambden Forty four pounds Curr: money aforesaid and thereupon he bringeth suit & doth bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid which the Debt aforesaid in four aforesaid doth testify the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid &

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And the aforesaid Thomas Billings by William Breckinham his attorney Cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when & saith that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said Thomas Lambden nor can he say but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the deed of the same Thomas Billings nor but <sup>that</sup> he owes the same Thomas Lambden the aforesaid Twenty two pounds Curr: and lawfull money of this Province in manner and form as the aforesaid Thomas Lambden above against him hath declared &

Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid Thomas Lambden recover against the aforesaid Thomas Billings his debt aforesaid and his Damages by Occasion of the detaining of the same debt to Two hundred Eighty pounds of tobacco to the same Thomas Lambden of his assent by the Court here adjudged and the said Thomas Billings in mercy &

Rt The Same } Somerset County ss. Thomas Billings late of Somerset County planter  
W.D. The Same } otherwise called Thomas Billings of Somerset County and Province  
aforesaid Shipper was summoned to answer unto Thomas Lambden of a plea that he render unto him twenty pounds in Cash wheat or Tobacco which to him he oweth and unjustly detaineth &

And Whereupon the same Thomas Lambden by Robt. Jenkins Henry his attorney saith that whereas the said Thomas Billings the Seventeenth day of March which was in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and twenty Nine at Somerset County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory had granted himself to be bound unto the said Thomas Lambden in the said Sum of twenty pounds in Manner aforesaid to be paid unto the same Thomas Lambden when thereof afterward he should be required Nevertheless the said Thomas Billings altho' often required