

August Court . . . . . 1737 . . . . . 121

Tuesday of November and Dow. One thousand Seven hundred and thirty six to answer unto Tho:  
:mas Adams of a plea wherefore he the same John with force and arms in and upon the said Tho:  
Adams at Somerset County afo in the peace of God and of the Right honourable the Lord proprietary  
that now is an assault did make and him the said Thomas Adams did beat wound and evilly treat so that  
of his life it was greatly despaired and other harms to him did to the great damage of the same Tho:  
Adams and against the peace of the said Lord Proprietary &c. and that thereof he should not fault.

All which day here before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset at dividing Creek came  
the said Thomas Adams by William Gouldsbrough his attorney and the Sheriff to wit Joseph Maulester  
gent at the same day here returned that he had taken the said John Deal whose body here at that day  
he had ready to answer unto the said Thomas Adams of the said plea as to him it was Comanded.

And hereupon the said Thomas Adams declared against the said John Deal in the plea  
in form following. --- Somerset J. John Deal late of Somerset County planter was attached  
to answer unto Thomas Adams of a plea wherefore he the same John with force and arms in and  
upon the said Thomas Adams at Somerset County afo in the peace of God and of the Right Hon:  
ourable the Lord proprietary that now is an assault did make and him the said Thomas  
Adams did beat wound and evilly treat so that of his life it was greatly despaired and other  
harms to him did to the great damage of the same Thomas Adams and against the  
peace of the said Lord proprietary &c.

And Whereupon the same Thomas by William Gouldsbrough his attorney  
complaineth that the said John on the second day of August in the year of our Lord  
God seventeen hundred thirty and five with force and arms to wit with sticks Clubs and  
swords at Somerset County afo within the jurisdiction of this Court in and upon him the same  
Thomas in the peace of God and of the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary that  
now is an assault did make and him the Thomas then and there did beat wound and evilly  
treat so that of his life it was greatly despaired and other harms to him then and there  
did to the great damage of the said Thomas and against the peace of the said Lord  
proprietary &c. wherefore he saith that he is the worse and damage hath to the  
value of three thousand pounds of tobacco and thereupon he brings suit &c.

Obedges &c. In: Doe: Pl: Rec

And the said John Deal by George Douglas his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and In:  
jury whereof and prayeth Leave thereof to Judge here until the third Tuesday of March then  
next following and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Thomas Adams how also &c.  
All which day here came againe as well the said Thomas Adams as the said John Deal by their  
attorneys afo and whereupon the same John Deal prayeth further Leave thereof to Judge.  
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