

One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Seven to answer unto Richard Tootle of asplea of his p[ro]p[erty] upon the case &c. And the said Richard Tootle declared against the said John Evans in the pleas as follows -- Somerset County ss. John Evans late of Somerset County planter was atta-  
ched to answer unto Richard Tootle of asplea of his p[ro]p[erty] upon the case &c.

**and Whereupon** the same Richard by Robert Jenkins Henry his attorney complains that Whereas the said John after the first day of May Anno Domini Sebenteen hundred and five (to wit) the Twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred Thirtieth four at Somerset County within the Jurisdiction of this Court made his certain Note in Writing Called a Promissory Note with his proper hand thereto subscribed bearing date the same day and year last above mentioned which said Note the aforesaid John to the same Richard did then and there deliver and by the said note did promise to pay to the aforesaid Richard by the Name of Richard Tootell or his order the sum Three pounds Ten Shillings or upon the first day of November then next ensuing the date of the same Note for value received and by reason whereof also by virtue of the Statute in such case lately made and provided the same John became chargeable to pay to the same Richard the said sum of money according to the tenor of the note aforesaid and so the thereof chargeable being the aforesaid John in Consideration thereof afterwards (to wit) the same day and year last above mentioned at Somerset County aforesaid upon himself did assume and to the same Richard then and there faithfully promise to pay to him the aforesaid sum of money according to the tenor of the same Note and the aforesaid Richard in fact saith that he at any time after making the said Note h[ath] not made any order or concerning the sum of Money in the Note aforesaid contained or concerning the payment of any part thereof Nevertheless the said John his promise and assumption aforesaid in form aforesaid made little regarding but minding and fraudulently intending the same Richard in this part Craftily and Subtilly to deceiv[e] and Defraud the said sum of Three pounds and ten Shillings or any part thereof to the same Richard he hath not as yet paid nor to him for the same in any sort Contended altho the same to do the aforesaid John afterwards (to wit) the same day ~~and~~ year and place last above mentioned and of ten since that time by the aforesaid Richard he was thereunto requested but the same to him to pay for the same in any sort to content the same John hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the same Richard Seven pounds Current money of Maryland and therof he brings suit &c.

**Pledges & In Due Place.**

A copy of the foregoing declaratum was made and sent to be served on the deft with the writ afforesaid according to act of assembly in such case made and provided

All which day h[ad] before his Indisposition Justice All about then held at Dividing Creek came the aforesaid Richard Tootle by his attorney aforesaid and the aforesaid Sheriff to wit John Henry Hemb now here returned that he had taken the aforesaid John Evans whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the aforesaid Richard of the aforesaid plea as to him it was commanded and the aforesaid John Evans in his proper person cometh and defendeth the same and

Injury