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his writ and declaration aforesaid against the afo Anna Draper did not prosecute with effect but voluntarily permitted his suit to be discontinued.

Therefore afterwards to wit that same day by direction of his Lordship Justices here before the same Justices were adjudged to the summe Anna Draper Esquire afo

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summe of tobacco for her costs and charges by her about her defence in that part sustained according to the form of the Statute in such case thereof made and provided and the afo John Merry & that the afo Anna have her of Execution the —

A. Thomas Fletcher

Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take qd. John Britt afo John Britt late of Somerset County planter if he should be found in his County and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held in the Court house at Bridgwater in the same County the third Tuesday of June, anno Domini seventeen hundred and thirty six to answer unto Thomas Fletcher of a plea of trespass upon his land & that there of he should not fail then

At which day here came the afo Thomas Fletcher by Francis Allen his attorney and the Sheriff of the County afo to wit Joseph Manster but at the same day returned that he had taken the afo John Britt and him had more ready according to the exigence of the Writ afo....

Whereupon the said John Britt present here in Court in his proper person at the prayer of the same Thomas Fletcher by his attorney afo is adjudged by the same Court to give speciall bail to the action afo but for want heard of the same John Britt is committed into the custody of the Sheriff of Somerset County afo there to remaine until the third Tuesday of August then next following & the same day is given to the afo Thomas Fletcher to do —

At which day here came againe as well the afo Thomas Fletcher by his attorney afo as the afo John Britt in custody of the same Sheriff in his proper person and whereupon the same John Britt is againe committed into the custody of the Sheriff afo for his cause afo there to remaine until the third Tuesday of November then next following, and the same day is given to the afo Thomas Fletcher therof

At which day here came againe as well the afo Thomas Fletcher by his attorney afo as the afo John Britt in custody of Sheriff afo in his proper person, and whereupon the said John Britt by the order & direction of the same Thomas Fletcher, is discharged from the commitment afo, and from out of the custody of the afo Sheriff. And whereupon the said Thomas by his attorney afo declared against the afo John Britt in the plea aforesaid in form following —

Somerset.