

the said Day Scott who as well & declared against the aforesaid Abraham Cordery and Martha his wife
in the plea of Inform following - Somerset County ss. Abraham Cordery late of Somerset County Inholder
and Martha his wife were Summoned to answer unto Day Scott who as well for the Right Honour-
able the Lord Proprietary as for himselfe prosecuteth of a plea that they tender unto the said Lord
Proprietary and the aforesaid Day Scott who as well - Two thousand pounds of Tobacco which
to the said Lord Proprietary and the aforesaid Day Scott who as well - they owe and unjustly
detaind - And whereupon the said Day who as well for the said Lord Proprietary
as for himselfe prosecuteth by Robert Jenckins Henry his attorney saith that Whereas in a
Certain Act of Assembly of this province of Maryland at a Session of Assembly begun and
held at the City of Annapolis the twenty sixth day of April in the first year of of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King
Defender of the faith &c. anno Domini one thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen made
and provided among other things it was enacted by Authority of the Same assembly that no
person what so ever should trade Barter Commerce or any ways Deal with any Servant whether
Hired or Indented or Slave belonging or appertaining to any inhabitants within this province
without leave or licence first had and obtained from such Servants Master Mistress Dame or
Overseer for his doing under the penalty of Two thousand pounds of Tobacco the one half there
of to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this province his heirs and Successors for
the Support of Government the other half to the Master Mistress or true owner of such Goods so
putt by bartered or conveyed away when proved by sufficient witness or Confession of the
party to be Recovered in any Court of Record of this province by action of debt Bill plaint
or Information wherein no Escoyn protection or Wager of Law to be allowed as (in the said
Act among other things is fully contained) Never the less the said Abraham Cordery and Martha
his wife the Act of Assembly aforesaid little Weighing nor the penalty in the Same contained
in any sort regarding after publishing the Act aforesaid to wit upon the Twentieth day of
February in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred thirty and Six at Steppny parish
in the said County of Somerset within the Jurisdiction of this Court did Trade Barter Commerce
and deal with a certain Christopher Lewis then and there being a Servant to the said Day Scott
then and still an Inhabitant in the parish and County aforesaid without leave or licence first had
and obtained from the said Day the then Master of the said Christopher as aforesaid or from any
other person mentioned and required by the said Act to Justify their so doing did barter with and
receivd from the said Christopher Lewis then and there being a Servant to the same Day one
Shilling Current Money of Maryland in Contempt of the said Lord Proprietary that now is and
to the Grievous Damage of him the said Day and Contrary to the form of the Act of assembly
aforesaid by which action hath accrued to the same Day who as well for the said Lord
Proprietary as for himselfe in this part prosecutes to Require and have of the aforesaid
Abraham Cordery and Martha his wife for the said Lord Proprietary and himselfe the Two
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