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Creek in the same County the third Tuesday of June anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and thirty eight to answer unto John Dennis Junr. of a plea of trespass upon the Case &c. and the same day is given to the said John here &c.

All which day here came the said John Dennis Junr. by George Douglas his attorney and the Sheriff of Somerset County to witt John Henry Gents at the same day here returned that he had taken the said William Melvin whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the said John Dennis Junr. of the said plea as to him it was commanded

Whereupon at the prayer of the said John Dennis Junr. the said William Melvin is adjudged here to give special Bail to the action &c. Thereupon certain Robert Melvin of Somerset County planter present here in Court in his proper person undertook for the same William Melvin and assumed upon himself (likewise the same William Melvin present here in Court in his proper person assumed upon himself) that if it should happen that Judgment in the plea aforesaid should be rendered for the same John against him the same William or that the same William should be therein convicted that then he the said William should pay and satisfy unto the same John the Judgment of the Court thereupon or tender his body in execution of such Judgment to the prison of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid there to remain until the same Judgment should be fully satisfied or that he the same Robert Melvin will do the same for him -

And hereupon the said John Dennis Junr. declared against the said William Melvin in the plea aforesaid in form following. - Somerset s^r. William Melvin late of Somerset County planter was attached to answer unto John Dennis Junr. of a plea of trespass upon the Case &c. - And whereupon the said John Dennis Junr. by George Douglas his attorney complains that whereas the said William Melvin on the tenth day of October anno MDCCXXXVII at the County aforesaid on consideration that he the said John at the Especiall Request of the said William did then and there agree and promise to pay to the said William the sum of thirty Shillings current money of Maryland for Every month that he should sail in a Sloop or Sea Vessel of the said John called ^{the} Pokomoke from Pokomoke River in the County aforesaid to Sassafras River in Somerset County aforesaid and take sufficient Care of all such tobaccos or other Merchandise as should be put on board the said Sloop by the said John or any other person by his permission or order he the said William on consideration thereof upon himself