

Day is given to the aforesaid William here also &c. At which day here came againe
as well the aforesaid ^{at the aforesaid} William Melvin ^{William} by their attorney, aforesaid and whereupon the same
prays further Leave thereof to Dispute hereunto the next Court to be hold at
Dividing Creek the third Tuesday of March then next following and he hath it
and the same day is given to the aforesaid William here also &c.

All which day here came againe as well the aforesaid John Dennis Jnd. as the
aforesaid William Melvin by their attorney, aforesaid and whereupon the same
William Melvin prays further Leave thereof to Dispute hereunto the next
Court to be hold at Dividing Creek the third Tuesday of June then next
following and he hath it and the same day is given to the aforesaid John Dennis Jnd.
here also &c.

At which day here came againe as well the aforesaid John Dennis
Jnd. as the aforesaid William Melvin by their attorney, aforesaid and whereupon the same
William as before defends the force of Injury wherof - and saith that he is no manner
of way guilty of the premises by the plaintiffs declaration upon him Impaired and of
him he puts him self upon the Country and the aforesaid John in Likemanner -

And the aforesaid William according to the Statute and with the Leave of the Court -
further saith that the aforesaid John his action aforesaid against him to have and maintain
Ought not because he saith that at the time of the Making of the Contract
and agreement in the aforesaid declaration mentioned he was an Infant under the
age of Twenty ^{and} One years and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment
of the aforesaid John his action against him to have Ought &c.

And as to the second matter by the said William above in Bar pleaded
the said John protesting that he the said William at the time of the promise aforesaid
in the declaration aforesaid mentioned was of the full age of Twenty One years for plea he
says that he by any thing by the said William in his plea aforesaid precluded from having
and maintaining his action aforesaid against the said William Ought not to be precluded.
because he saith that before and at the time of the promise aforesaid by the said William
in the declaration aforesaid supposed to be made he the said William to work on Board
of Shipp, Shops, and other Vessels for hire and reward thereby to gaine ^{for} himselfe
Necessary