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him to render hath denied and still doth deny and unjustly detain, altho' thereto afterwards to wit on the ~~xx~~ day of November Anno Dom^o MDCCXL. all the County ass^{es}. and often since that time by the said Joseph required Whereupon he says he is damaged eighty pounds Curr^t. money of Maryland and thereof he brings suit &c.

Stedger v. J. Doe and R. Roe.

And the ass^{es}. Seward Tomlinson by his attorney ass^{es}. Seward defends the said and Injury when &c. and says that he is not indebted to the ass^{es}. Joseph the ass^{es}. Forty pounds Curr^t. money of Maryland in Silver or whole Gold or eighty pounds paper money of Maryland or any penny thereof in form in which the same Joseph above against him hath declared and of this he puts himself upon the Country. And hereupon the said Joseph Houston prays leave thereof to impart here untill Next Court to be held at dividing Creek in and for the County ass^{es}. the third Tuesday of August then next following and he hath it and the same day is given to the ass^{es}. Seward here also &c.

At which day here came again as well the ass^{es}. Joseph Houston as the ass^{es}. Seward Tomlinson by their attorney ass^{es}. And Whereupon the said Seward Relinquisheth his Verification by him above pretended and saith that he cannot deny the action ass^{es}. of the ass^{es}. Joseph Houston nor can he say but that he oweth the same Joseph the ass^{es}. forty pounds Curr^t. money of Maryland in Silver ^{the writing obligatory ass^{es} is the deed of the same Seward nor can he say but that} for whole Gold or eighty pounds paper money of Maryland in manner and form as the ass^{es}. Joseph above against him hath declared. Therefore it is considered that the ass^{es}. Joseph Houston Recover against the ass^{es}. Seward Tomlinson his debt ass^{es}. and his damages by occasion of the detention of the same debt to ⁴⁰ 399. four hundred and fifteen Pounds of tobacco to the same Joseph of his apent by the Court & here adjudged and the ass^{es}. Seward in mercy &c.

B. Benjamin Warrington

ag^t. James Townsend

Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should Take James Townsend late of Somerset County planter if he should be found in his bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek in the same County the third Tuesday of March Anno Dom^o one thousand seven hundred and forty to Answer unto Benjamin Warrington of a plea of trespass upon the Case &c. and the same day is given to the ass^{es}. Benjamin here &c.

At which day here came the ass^{es}. Benjamin Warrington by Francis Allen his Attorney and the Sheriff with John Stanley Gent^l. now here returned that he had taken the ass^{es}. James Townsend whose body here at this day he had ready to Answer the ass^{es}. Benjamin Warrington of the ass^{es}. plea as to him it was Commanded

Whereupon came here into Court the ass^{es}. James Townsend in his proper person And thereupon the said James Townsend at