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following to answer unto his said Lordship of the presentment ¹⁷⁴¹ and do not stand and abide the judgment of the Court thereon and doe depart the same Court without leave

All which day here came againe as wele the afo^rd Robert Denckins Henry who^{re} as the afo^rd Robert Geddes in his proper person and here upon the said Robert Denckins Henry who^{re} offered to his Court here against the afo^rd Rob^t Geddes his information following & Somerset vs. Be it remembred that Robert Denckins Henry gent Attorney of the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary that now is who for the same Lord Proprietary in this part prosecuteth doth come here into the County Court of the same Lord Proprietary held for Somerset County afo^r towth dividing each in the same County the Eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred forty and one before Robert King Esq^r and his Associates the said Lord Proprietary his Justices of the same County Court and for the same Lord Proprietary doth give the Court here to understand and be informed that Robert Geddes late of Coventry parish in the said County of Somerset Esq^r holder the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty having the tuition of a certain John Wordy an Orphant under the age of twenty and one years at Somerset County afo^r the day and year last mentioned into a certain tract of Land belonging to the said Orphant Situated upon Pocomoke river in the County afo^r with force and armes did enter and

oak Trees then and there growing he did cut down and the same split into staves and carry away to the value of Twenty shillings curr^t money of the province of Maryland and in the same Land then and there in manner and form as was afo^r committ against the form of the Act of Assembly in that case lately made and provided and contrary to the peace &c And Whereupon the same Attorney of the same Lord Proprietary for the same Lord Proprietary prayes the advice of the Court here in the premises and that due process of law in this part against the same Robert Geddes may be made to answer unto the same Lord Proprietary of and upon the premises afo^r

Whereupon the said Robert Geddes in his proper person came hereunto Court and had a hearing of the Information aforesaid and saith that he cannot deny but that he is guilty of the premises and in the Information aforesaid above against him is expressed and saith that he can not deny but that the aforesaid John Wordy hath sustained damage by means of the premises and to Twenty Shillings curr^t money of Maryland and not more &

Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid John Wordy Recover against the afo^rd Robert Geddes forty Shillings curr^t money of Maryland which is adjudged by the Court here unto the said John Wordy as double damages according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided and that the afo^rd Robert Geddes and it is Ordered by the Court here that the said Robert Geddes quicke^{rly} for the payment of the afo^r forty Shillings curr^t money of Maryland (which was adjudged unto the said John Wordy at double damages by reason of the premises afo^r) when ever the same John Wordy should arrive at full age to receive the same &

Whereupon the said Robert Geddes with James Martin of Somerset County gent his sonnly both present hereunto Court at their proper persons acknowledged themselves Indebted unto the aforesaid John Wordy in ligthly Shillings curr^t money of Maryland of their body goods or Chattels Lands or tenements severally to be made and levied to the use of the said John Wordy his heirs and assigns & if it happen that the said Robert Geddes his heirs Executors or Administrators do not pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Wordy his heirs or assigns forty Shillings curr^t money of Maryland (the double damage afo^r) when ever the same John Wordy or his heirs or assigns should arrive at full age to receive the same & Thereupon the afo^rd Robert Geddes is discharged from the Information afo^r he paying all fees due thereon &