

March Court . . . . 1741 . . . . . 257  
Testify the date of which is the same day and year aforesaid & pledges Ino Doc.

And the aforesaid Stephen taken by George Douglas his attorney Comes and defends the  
force and Injury when &c. and says that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid Thomas Lee  
nor can he say but that the writing Obligatory aforesaid is the deed of the same Stephen nor but that he  
Owes the same Thomas the aforesaid One hundred pounds Current money of Maryland in manner and  
form as the aforesaid Thomas above against him hath declared &c.

Therefore it is Considered that the aforesaid Thomas Lee Recover against the  
aforesaid Stephen Costen his debt aforesaid and his Damages by Quasi of the Detention of the same  
Debt to Two hundred and ninety four . . . . . pounds of Tobacco to the same Thomas  
of his assent by the Court here adjudged and the aforesaid Stephen in Money &c.

Thomas Fletcher } Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should Take  
John Lamberson } John Lamberson late of Somerset County planter at ditto John Lamberson of the  
County of Somerset in the province of Maryland planter if he should be found in his  
Barlywick 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 the third Tuesday of June Anno Domini One thousand  
Seven hundred and forty One to answer unto Thomas Fletcher of a plea that he tender unto him One hundred  
and forty pounds Curr. money of Maryland which to him he Owes and unjustly Detaines &c. and the same  
Day is given to the aforesaid Thomas here &c.

At which day here came the aforesaid Thomas Fletcher by Francis Allen his attorney and the  
Sheriff of Somerset County to wit John Hardy Gentleman at the same day Returned that he had Taken  
the aforesaid John Lamberson whose body at this day he had here ready to answer unto the aforesaid Thomas  
Fletcher of the aforesaid plea as to him it was Commanded &c.

Whereupon the aforesaid John Lamberson being present herein Court at the prayer of the afo  
Thomas Fletcher is adjudged to give Special Bail to the action aforesaid . . .

Thereupon a certain Robert Lamberson and Robert Lindall of Somerset County planters both  
present here in Court in their proper persons undertook and each of them undertook for the said John Lamberson  
Likewise the said John Lamberson 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 aforesaid Thomas  
Fletcher against the same John Lamberson, or that the same John Lamberson should be therein Convicted  
that then he the said John Lamberson should pay and Satisfie unto the said Thomas Fletcher the Judgment  
of the Court thereupon or tender his body in execution of such Judgment. to the prison of the Sheriff of  
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