

At Henry Barrett. Command was given to the sheriffe of Somerset County that he should take Benjamin Grumley late
 was Benj. Grumley of Somerset County Shipwright 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
 the third Tuesday of November Anno Domini the thousand seven hundred and forty to answer unto Henry Barrett of a plea —
 wherefore with force and Arms in and upon him the said Henry at Somerset County a^s an Assault he did make and him the same —
 Henry did beat wound and evilly treat so that of his life it was much dispaired and other harms to him did to the grievous damage of
 the said Henry and Contrary to the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary that now is &c And the same day is given
 to the a^s Henry here &c And the said Henry Barrett declared against the a^s Benjamin Grumley in the plea a^s in form
 following . . . Somerset s^r Benjamin Grumley late of Somerset County Shipwright was Attached to answer unto Henry
 Barrett of a plea wherefore with force and Arms in and upon him the said Henry at Somerset County a^s an Assault he did
 make and him the same Henry did beat wound and evilly treat so that of his life it was much dispaired and other harms to him
 did to the grievous Damage of the said Henry and Contrary to the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary that
 now is &c And Whereupon the same Henry Barrett by Robert Jenckins Henry his Attorney complains that the a^s Benjamin
 the thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty with force and Arms to witt
 with Swords sticks and Knives him the said Henry Barrett at Somerset County a^s did Assault and him did beat wound
 and evilly treat so that of his life it was much dispaired and other harms to him did to the grievous Damage of him the said
 Henry Barrett and Contrary to the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary that now is his good rule and
 Government Whereupon he saith ^{that} he is the worse and hath damage to the value of thirty pounds Curr^t money of Maryland
 and there of he brings suit &c
 J^r J. Doe & B. Roe

A Copy of the foregoing declaration was made and sent to be served on the defend^t with the writ in the plea a^s.
 At which day here came the a^s Henry Barrett by his Attorney a^s and the sheriffe to witt John Handy Gent now here
 returned that he had taken the a^s Benjamin Grumley whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the a^s Henry
 of the a^s plea as to him it was Comanded &c

And afterward the third Tuesday of November One thousand
 seven hundred and forty at a Court then held at dividing Creek came the aforesaid Benjamin Grumley
 by William Arbuckle his attorney and the aforesaid Henry Barrett then and there his writ aforesaid ^{the said} against
 Benjamin Grumley did not with effect prosecute but voluntarily permitted his suit to be discontinued

Therefore afterward to witt that same day by discretion of the Justices here were adjudged
 to the same Benjamin Grumley pounds of tobacco for his Costs and
 Charges by him about his defence in that part sustained according to the form of the Statute in such Case lately
 made and provided and the a^s Henry in Money and that the a^s Benjamin have there of Execution &c

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Patience anegro Girl of Joshua Merritts is adjudged by the Court here to be of the age of fourteen years
 &c