

Unto Messrs. Stephenson & Steel of the said County of Charles that he tender unto them the sum of Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Eight Pounds of Tobacco which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth

And Whereupon the same Messrs. Stephenson & Steel by their counsel their Attorney say that whereas the said Thomas Guen on the Twelfth day of November in the year our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty seven at Charles County aforesaid in the jurisdiction of this Court by his Will obligatory sealed with the seal of him the said Thomas and his in full brought to the state whereupon the day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to owe and be indebted to the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty four pounds of Tobacco in one Hoghead in Charles County to be paid unto the said Stephenson & Steel their certain Attorney Esq. on the first day of December next ensuing the date hereof to which payment now and truly to be made by the said Stephen Guen Esq. in the personal charge of one Hundred and Seventy Eight Pounds of Tobacco jointly by the said plaintiffs to them the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel in fact declares that the said Thomas Guen did not pay to them the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel the said sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty four pounds of Tobacco on the said Twelfth day of November last ensuing the date of the said Will obligatory according to the intent and purport of the said Will obligatory aforesaid in which action hath accrued to the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel to Demand and have of the said Thomas Guen the said sum of Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Eight Pounds of Tobacco Nevertheless the said Thomas Guen with his often Requested Writ on the first day of October in the year our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty seven and after service at Charles County aforesaid to the said Stephenson & Steel hath not paid to them the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel the said sum of Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight pounds of Tobacco in any Part thereof but hath to the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel refused to pay the same wherefore the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel say that they are the more and hath Damage to the Value of Three Thousand four Hundred and fifty six pounds of Tobacco and therefore they bring suit aforesaid

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And the said Thomas in his proper person comes and appears before the Court in answer to the said Writ that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of them the said Stephenson & Steel nor that he owes to them the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel the said sum of Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Eight Pounds of Tobacco in manner aforesaid to the said Messrs. Stephenson & Steel above against him complained

Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said Stephenson & Steel do recover against the said Thomas his Debt and his Damages by reason of detaining that Debt to Two Hundred and Eighty four Pounds of Tobacco to the said Stephenson & Steel on their account by the Court here adjudged and that

By the said Thomas Guen in obeyance of the Court