

Maryland's Prince Georges County January 30th 1716

Then Came M^r John Lawrence (attorney in fact for Edward Stafford Esq^r of Swirpode) before me the subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the within account is just and true and that he hath not received part or parcel nor any security or other satisfaction for the same

Coram me Jurat Coram me. John Lawrence
I hereby that Legit^o in which the within account stands attested to January 20th 1715 was legally proved as the Law directs February 6th 1716 before my self John Lawrence

And the said William in his proper Person Comes and defends the force and injury when he saith that the Barn oldenly the action aforesaid of him the said Edward nor but that he did assume upon him self in manner and form as the said Edward against him has complained, nor also but that the said Edward had sustained Damage by means of not performing the Promises and Assumptions aforesaid to fourteen Hundred and eleven pounds of Tobacco as the said Edward above in pleading supposes

Whereupon the said Edward by Henry Darnall his attorney aforesaid pray Judgment and those Damages so acknowledged together with his costs and charges by him about his suit in this part laid out and Expended to him to be adjudged.

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Edward do recover against the said William his Damages aforesaid to fourteen Hundred and eleven pounds of Tobacco as above acknowledged as also the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty two pounds of Tobacco for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this part laid out and Expended on his behalf by the Court here adjudged and the said William in mercy

Defⁱⁿ in

Edward Stafford Esq^r Edw Stafford
Judgment by Cognovit actionem

William Speak

Charles County's William Speak late of Charles County Planter was attached to answer unto Edward Stafford Esq^r of the County of Prince Georges upon the Case

And Whereupon the said Edward by Henry Darnall his attorney complains that whereas the said William on the Eighth day of March in the year our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and forty and five at Charles County aforesaid was indicted unto the said Edward in the sum of Two Thousand four hundred and twenty five pounds of Tobacco for divers Particulars lying Properly in account as by the Particulars and there of more with into Court brought him by a paper and the said William being there of involved in consideration for these aforesaid to wit the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon him self bound and to the same Edward then and there faithfully promised that he the said William the said sum of Two Thousand four hundred and twenty five pounds of Tobacco to the said Edward would