

June Court Anno Domini 1719

Mary Chamberlain on the Thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred forty and six at Saint Marys County aforesaid did Deal with a certain Negro Slave belonging to him the said James Neale who as well as which said James Neale who as well as then was and yet is an Inhabitant within this Province to wit at Saint Marys County aforesaid without leave or License first and obtained from the said Negro's master mistress Dame or Overseer for her so doing contrary to the form of the act of Assembly in that Case made and provided whereby the said Mary Chamberlain has forfeited Two thousand pounds of Tobacco the one half thereof to the said James Neale who as well as according to the act of Assembly there published and provided whereby Action hath accrued to the said Now Lord Proprietary and the said James Neale who as well as to have and receive from the said Mary Chamberlain the aforesaid Two thousand pounds of Tobacco Nevertheless the said Mary Chamberlain altho often required the said Two thousand pounds of Tobacco to the said Lord Proprietary and the said James Neale who as well as hath not Returned but the same to them or either of them to Render hither to both altogether Denied and gainsayed and will doth deny and gainsay whereupon the same James Neale who as well as saith he is the Horse and has lost to the Value of Four thousand pounds of Tobacco and thereof as well for the said Lord Proprietary as for himselfe brings the suit as forth

And the said Mary Chamberlain in her own proper person Comes and Prays Liberty hereof to Imparle to a County Court to be held at Leonard Town for the County of Saint Marys the first Tuesday in August Next and she hath it and the same day is Given to the Plaintiff also. At which said first Tuesday in August Comes again as well the said Plaintiff by his Attorney as the said Defendant in her proper person aforesaid and the said Defendant at her Request has further Liberty hereof to Imparle to a County Court to be held at Leonard Town for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday in November Next the same day being Given to the Plaintiff also. At which said first Tuesday in November Comes here again as well the said Plaintiff by his Attorney as the said Defendant in her proper person aforesaid and the said Defendant at her Request has further Liberty hereof to Imparle to a County Court to be held at Leonard Town for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday in March Next and the same day is Given to the Plaintiff also. At which said first Tuesday in March Comes here again as well the said Plaintiff by his Attorney as the said Defendant in her proper person aforesaid and the said Defendant at her Request has further Liberty hereof to Imparle to a County Court to be held at Leonard Town for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday in June Next and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said first Tuesday in June that is to say Now here at this day to wit the 2 day of the same month Anno Domini 1719 Comes the said James Neale who as well as by his Attorney aforesaid and Prays that the said Mary Chamberlain to his Declaration in the plea aforesaid may Answer but the said Mary Chamberlain altho solemnly called Comes not but makes Default whereby the said Plaintiff remains against the said Defendant thereof without Defence whereupon the said Plaintiff prays Judgment for his debt aforesaid and his Costs and Damages sustained by occasion of detaining the same debt to him to be adjudged. Therefore it is Considered by the Justice here the 2 day of June Anno Domini 1719 that the said James Neale who as well as recover against the said Mary Chamberlain as well the sum of Two thousand pounds of Tobacco his debt aforesaid as also the sum of four Hundred forty Two pounds of Tobacco by the Court here Adjudged unto him of his Absent for his Costs and Damages sustained by occasion of detaining the same debt and the said Mary Chamberlain in Merit &c.