

August Court Anno Domini 1729

Render unto them the sum of three thousand six hundred and eighty pounds of Tobacco w^{ch} them he owes and unjustly detains and vopoth. And whereupon the same Thomas and Company by Thomas Clark their Attorney say that whereas the s^r William Thomas on the Twenty fifth day of July last year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty four at Charles County a^o within the Jurisdiction of this Court by his Bill Obligatory sealed with the seal of the said William Thomas and here in Court brought the date whereof is the day and year a^o acknowledged himself to owe and be indebted to them the said Thomas Marshall & Company or to their assigns the full and just sum of Eighteen hundred and forty pounds of Merchantable Tobacco in Cash convenient in Charles County to be paid to them the said Thomas Marshall and Company on or before the Twenty fifth day of December then next ensuing the date of the said Bill Obligatory and that such payment might be truly and faithfully made the said William Thomas by the same Bill did bind himself his Executors and Administrators in the Penal sum of three thousand six hundred and eighty pounds of like Tobacco and then the said Thomas Marshall and Company in fact declares that the said William Thomas did not pay to them the said Thomas Marshall and Company the said sum of Eighteen hundred and forty pounds of Merchantable Tobacco on the said Twenty fifth day of December then next ensuing the date of the said Bill Obligatory according to the Intent and Purport of the said Bill Obligatory whereby an action hath accrued to them the said Thomas Marshall and Company to demand and have of the said William Thomas the said sum of three thousand six hundred and eighty pounds of Merchantable Tobacco. Nevertheless the said William Thomas altho' often required to wit on the first day of November last year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty six and of ten times at Charles County a^o to pay the same hath not paid to them the said Thomas Marshall and Company three thousand six hundred and eighty pounds of Tobacco or any part thereof but hath rather altogether hath and still doth refuse to pay the same wherefore them the said Thomas Marshall and Company saith that they are the more and hath Damage to the value of seven thousand three hundred and sixty pounds of Tobacco and therefore they bring suit and vopoth.

Whereupon unto Court here in his proper Person comes John Howard of Charles County Gent. and becomes ledge and security for the s^r William Thomas that if it should happen that the s^r William Thomas in the plea a^o should be convict that then the said John Howard shall and is bound that as well the s^r as all Damages which to the same Thomas Marshall & Company in this Court should be adjudged of his Lands and Chattels shall be made and be paid hand for the use of the said Thomas and Company if it should happen the said William Thomas the Debt and Damages a^o said to the said Thomas and Company should not pay or his body into the custody of the Sheriff by Reason thereof.

And the s^r William Thomas by Jeremiah Chase his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury taken &c. and Prays Licence thereof to Imparle here until the Next Court to be holden at Charles Town on the second Tuesday in August next and he hath it and the same day is given to the same Thomas & Company here &c. At which day to wit the second Tuesday in August a^o comes here as well the said Thomas & Company by their Attorney a^o as the said William by his Attorney a^o and the said William by his said Attorney Prays further Licence thereof to Imparle here until the Next Court to be holden at Charles Town on the second Tuesday in November next and he hath it and the same day is given to the same Thomas & Company here &c. At which day to wit the second Tuesday in November a^o

Edw: H. John Doe

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