

Leonard Calvert  
vs. Rofe Gilbert widow.

Leonard Calvert Esq. Lieutenant Governour of the Province of Virginia, complains against Rofe Gilbert widow  
and late wife of Richard Gilbert late of St. Maries hundred planters deceased, for that whereas  
the said Leonard Calvert did at several times in the year 1637. sell and deliver unto the  
said Richard Gilbert several goods and commodities for the price of seven hundred twelve and  
three pence weight of good tobacco; and that the said Richard Gilbert in consideration thereof  
did give the said Leonard Calvert a promissory note unto the said Leonard Calvert that the  
said Richard Gilbert would well and faithfully pay the said tobacco unto the said Leonard  
Calvert at the next voyage following, the estate of the said Richard Gilbert after  
his decease remained and came into the possession of the said Rofe Gilbert by  
virtue of the will of the said Richard Gilbert late husband  
and did accordingly, but the decease of the said Richard Gilbert, promise and assent unto the  
said Leonard Calvert to pay the said tobacco at the time aforesaid. Notwithstanding  
the said Rofe Gilbert notwithstanding the said obligation and assignment, but intending fraudu-  
lently to defraud the said Leonard Calvert of the said tobacco, the said Rofe Gilbert  
travelling and for the purpose of tobacco unto the said Leonard Calvert according to the said  
obligation and assignment, yet she refused and still does refuse to pay  
the said tobacco to the said Leonard Calvert, but she has proposed and still does refuse to pay  
the said tobacco to the said Leonard Calvert of four hundred weight of tobacco.  
And for that she does bring in this, and desires process of Court against the said Rofe.

Cecilia Lord Proprietor to Rofe Gilbert widow, and Rofe Gilbert  
to wit you appear and the body of Rofe Gilbert widow, and Rofe Gilbert  
on Monday next being the 22<sup>th</sup> of the instant month of January to make  
answers unto Leonard Calvert Esq. in an action of account for the value of  
400. w<sup>t</sup>. of tobacco; which you shall make return of at the Court  
at St. Maries the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1637. witness Leonard Calvert.

And now at the day that is the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1637. the said Rofe Gilbert  
appeared, and said that she had paid two hundred forty and two pound weight of  
tobacco, & confessed that she did owe unto the said Leonard Calvert the  
residue of the said demand, that is to say, four hundred and two pound weight of  
tobacco; & said that she is not able to satisfy the said tobacco in present, but  
promising & assenting to pay the said tobacco at the first basket of the next voyage.