

Sent according as by the said Writt they were Commanded the Tenor whereof followeth in these Words Viz^t

Maryland &c. The Provincial Court of the Right Honourable Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland holden at his Lordships City of St. Maries the eighth Day of December in the 37th Year of his Lordships Dominion 1668

Jo: Balley Petitioneth the Court that Whereas he is Arrested to this Court at the Suite of Raymond Stapleford, and for that the said Raymond Stapleford when the Petitioner was out of the Province did by Virtue of an Attachment Procure into his hands several Papers and Accounts of the Petitioners which was left in the hands of one Thomas How from whom they were taken by One Richard Collet Gent Late Sheriff of Calvert County and not yet returned to the Petitioner whereby he is Disarmed from Defending himself against the Suit of the said Raymond Stapleford the said Papers having relation to the Same, Whereupon Ordered that the Sheriff do Deliver unto the said Jo: Balley the said Papers so taken by him upon the said Attachment

Raymond Stapleford Compt^r of Morecroft & Querd }
Jo: Balley Defendant } Boyer & Defend^r }

The Defendant still Allegeth that his Papers are out of his Possession with which he must Defend himself against the Plaintiffe

It is Ordered that the Defendant have time till the next Court to put in his Plea and further Ordered that the Defendant do remaine in the Sheriffs Custody untill he shall Put in Security for his Appearance at the next Provincial Court and to stand to and abide the Judgment of the said Court in all Suites Depending between the Plaintiffe and the said Defendant

The Attorneys of Raymond Stapleford Plaintiffe Against Jo: Balley Defendant enters Caveat Viz^t that no Security be taken of the said Balley until Notice be first given by the Sheriff of St. Maries to the said Attorneys to like and approve of the same

The Provincial Court of the Right Honourable Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland holden at the City of St. Maries before the Justices of the said Court the 9th Day of February in the 37th Year of the Dominion of his Lordship over the said Province Anno Domini 1668

Charles Calvert Esq. Lieutⁿ Gen^l } Jerome White } Esq^r }
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Edw^m Evans }

Raymond Stapleford Compt^r of Morecroft & Querd }
Jo: Balley Defendant } Boyer & Defend^r }

This Cause Respited from the last Court when Ordered must be again put in his Plea this Court which is as followeth

And the said Jo: Balley by Benjamin Boyer his Attorney and Defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that the said Raymond