Maryland, to wit

At a Provincial Court begun and held at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County in and for the Province aforesaid on the Third Tuesday of October being the twenty first day of the same month, and in the Sixteenth Year of the Dominion of Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. Annoque Domini One thousand seven hundred and sixty six

Present

The Honourable Henry Hooper, John Darnall, John Hepburn, Bedding field Hands, John Beale Bordley & Daniel of St Thos Jenifer, Esquires Justices.

Joseph Galloway Esquire Sheriff

Reverdy Ghiselin Clerk.

October Term 1766.

1 J. Hall Robert Chesley against John Chesley ...

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit the Ninth Day of April Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Sixty four John Chesley late of Saint Marys County Gentleman was attached to answer unto Robert Chesley of a plea of trespass upon the case &c. And Whereupon the said Robert by J. Hall his Attorney complains that whereas a certain William Hancock on the twentieth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty four at the County aforesaid was lawfully and rightfully bound retained and placed in the service of him the said Robert to transact certain affairs of the said Robert and was the Servant of him the said Robert for the Term of Five Years thenlo come and unexpired and the said William Hancock had served for the Space of Twenty Days next after the same twentieth Day of January in the Year Seventeen hundred and Sixty four aforesd in the Service of him the said Robert whereby the said Robert Obtained and acquired great Profits and Advantages from the Labour and Service of the said William his Servant Nevertheless the said John of the premises not Ignorant but contriving craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the said Robert of his Servant aforesaid and of all the Profits Benefits and Advantages which the said Robert by Reason of his Servant afd might have and gain afterwards to wit on the twenty first Day of February in the Year afd at the County aforesaid the afd William from the Service of him the said Robert in the service of him the said John unlawfully and without the License and consent of him the said Robert procured to depart and received the said William out of the Service of him the said Robert in the Service of him the said John from the afd twentieth Day of January Seventeen hundred and Sixty four until the twenty second Day of February at the County aforesaid unlawfully and against the will and consent of him the said Robert kept and retained whereby the said Robert the whole gains profits and Advantages which he by the Service of his Servant afd afd all the time aforesaid might have had and Obtained if the afd John the afd William from the Service of him the said Robert had not as aforesaid procured to depart received kept and retained hath totally lost wherefore he the said Robert saith he is the worse & hath Damage to the Value of One hundred and fifty Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings suit &c.

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And the aforesaid John Chesley by Edmund Key his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also — At which said next Court to wit the 11th Day of September Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & sixty four come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys and the said Defendant Prays further leave to imparle thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the plaintiff also — At which said next Court to wit the 9th Day of April Anno Domini 1765 come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also — At which said next Court to wit the 10th Day of September 1765 come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant

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