James Miller
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Thomas Doyne

Joshua Doyne Gent Sheriffe of the County of St Marie was summoned to answere unto James Miller gent of a plea that he render unto him One Negro Man named Matthew of the price of Eighty pounds Sterling wrongfully from him he unjustly detained

And Whereupon the said James Miller by Robert Lewis his Attorney Complained that Whereas the said James Miller upon the one and thirty-ffth day of October in the year of Our Lord 1682 at the Cty of St Marie was possessed of One Negro named Matthew of the price of Eighty pounds Sterling as the proper Servant of him the said James. The said Joshua Doyne being Sheriffe of the said County of St Marie did by Vertue of his Office aforesaid upon the said One Eighty day of October aforesaid at St Marie City aforesaid knowing the said Negro to be the proper Negro of him the said James and to him of right to belong, take and carry away the said Negro, and Notwithstanding the said James afterwards that is to say upon the two and twenty-ffth day of November in the year of Our Lord 1682 at Mattapanny in the said County was by the said James Miller requested to render and restore to the said James the said Negro Yett Notwithstanding the said Joshua the sd Negro to him the said James to render and restore hath hitherto denyed & refused and the same Negro to him to render and restore doth still denye & unjustly detaine To the damage of the said James One hundred pounds Sterling and thereupon he brings his Suite

And the said Joshua Doyne by Thomas Bourford his Attorney comes & defends the force and injury when &c and prayeth Liberty to imparle thereunto untill this next Provinciall Court and it is granted unto him and the same day is given to the pltf likewise

Now here at this day to wit the third day of July in the Eighth year of the Dominion of the Right Honble Charles Lord Baltimore &c Anno Dom. 1683. came the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Joshua Doyne by his said Attorney saith that he the said Joshua did not take and carry away the sd Negro nor the same from the said James detaine in manner and forme as the said James hath above declared against him And of this he puts himself upon the Country. And the pltf likewise. It is therefore comanded the Sheriffe of St Marie County that he cause to come here this day twelve good men by whome &c and with neither &c to recognize &c Beaufe &c with &c

At which said third day of July in the year aforesaid came the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Jurors impannelled being called likewise came (to wit) — Philip Lynch Richard Hand John Thompson Richard Royston John Power Samuel Dobson John Wilkinson, Thomas Stonestreet James Phillips, Stephen Murty Dennis Hurley Hugh Hopewell Who being tried tryed and sworne to say the truth in the premisses upon their Oaths do say that the said Joshua Doyne did take and carry away the said Negro man named Matthew and him doth unjustly detaine in manner & forme as the said James Miller hath above declared against him. Whereupon the Jurors aforesaid brought & heard the said Joshua Doyne by his Attorney aforesaid moved in arrest of Judgment and day is thereupon given to both partyes untill tomorrow morning

At which day to wit) the fourth day of July of July in the year aforesaid came the said James Miller by his Attorney aforesaid and offered himself against the sd Joshua Doyne of and upon the premisses aforesaid but the said Joshua to file his reasons for arresting the Judgment upon the verdict of the Jurors aforesaid came not but made default, It is therefore considered by the Court here that the said James Miller Recover against the said Joshua Doyne the damages by him sustained by occasion of the taking carrying away and detaining of the Negro by the said Joshua as aforesaid, but because it is not enquired to the Court here what damages the said James hath sustained by occasion thereof It is therefore ordered by the Court here that a writ of Enquiry of Damages shall thereupon returnable at the next Provinciall Court.

Thomas Sikes
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Edward Maddox

Edward Maddox late of Charles County Surgeon was attached to answere unto Thomas Sikes in a plea of trespass &c

And Whereupon the said Thomas Sikes by Thomas Bourford his Attorney complained that Whereas One Samuel Sikes Kinsman of the said Thomas the Last day of October Anno Dom 1682 did Languish of a Palsey infirmity commonly called the Noli me Tangere or the French pox and being poore and unable to pay for a Cure for the said, the said Thomas Commiserating the condition was charitably minded and willing to doe the same for him, And thereupon afterwards to wit the first day of November in the yeare aforesaid the said Thomas having Conference with the said Edward Maddox for and Concerning the cure of the infirmity aforesaid the said Edward then and there offering himself a Surgeon and to be the Surgeon art Learned and skillfull with and faithfully to cure the said Samuel Sikes of the infirmity aforesaid and thereof to make whole and sound, The said Edward Maddox the day and yeare aforesaid In Consideration that the said Thomas Sikes at the speciall instance & request of him the said Edward Maddox would pay unto him the said Edward the summe of Fourty thousand pounds of Tobacco and Lay him two hundred and Twenty foot Flowers with Planks. The said Edward did assume upon himself and to the said Thomas Sikes faithfully promise & warrant perfectly to cure and make whole and sound the said Samuel Sikes of the said infirmity called the Noli me Tangere as aforesaid in due and Convenient time, and the said Thomas in fact saith that he the said Thomas trusting to the faithfull promise and warrant of the said Edward Maddox of making a good and perfect cure of the infirmity aforesaid Did pay unto him the said Edward the summe of Fourty thousand pounds of Tobacco and Planck the two hundred and twenty foot Flowers aforesaid, Notwithstanding with the said Edward the promise and assumption — aforesaid made not regarding but greedy of gain and designing and fraudulently intending to defraud the said Thomas of the said Fourty thousand pounds of Tobacco & Loyning of the said two Flowers aforesaid hath not made according to the promise a perfect cure of the said Samuel Sikes of the infirmity aforesaid but the said Samuel Sikes for two years hath detained in the cure with Grand pressures intolerable & afflictions worse than grievous paines and troubled by the wicked fraud aforesaid, and also by the negligence and malfeasancy the said infirmity is grown much worse and more difficult to be cured Whereupon the said Thomas saith he is damnified and hath suffered to the Value of Eight thousand pounds of Tobacco, And therupon he brings his Suite

And the said Edward Maddox by Thomas Bourford his Attorney comes and Defendeth the force and injury when &c and prayeth Liberty to imparle thereunto untill the next Provinciall Court and it is granted unto him, and the same day is given to the pltf also.

At which said next Provinciall Court to wit the thirtyth day of June in the Eighth year of the Dominion of the Right Honble Charles Lord Baltimore &c Anno Dom 1683 came the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Thomas Sikes by his said Attorney saith, that he the said Edward Maddox did not assume upon himself or to the said Thomas Sikes promise in manner and forme as the said Thomas hath above declared against him and of this he puts himself upon the Country, And the pltf likewise. It is therefore comanded the Sheriffe of St Marie County that he cause to come here this day twelve good men &c and which neither &c to recognize &c beaufe &c by whome &c and

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