of Instance Except they Send along w^th the said writt a Copy of their Deed or short note Expressing the true Cause of Action but Forasmuch as y^e Pelts affaires are such that he must depart this Province in a very short space for the Island of Barbadoes and cannot possibly make his Appearance here at the Next Generall Court and Justice thereof and thereby his Bayle will be Exposed to the Danger of being Sued all the by the said Jacob Rognier

y^e Pelt therefore humbly prays that Forasmuch as y^e Pelt is Defendant and the plaintiff is allways supposed to be ready that y^e Honble will make a Rule for the said Jacob Rognier to file his Deed within such reasonable time that the same may be heard and determined this Terme and the guilt if any be in y^e Pelitioner may be punished or the Tallenny Imposed on him may be wiped off and as in duty bound he shall Pray

And now heere at this day to wit the fourth day of May Anno Regni Domini 1699 it is considered by the Court that the said Jacob Rognier file his Deed at the said Robert Blackiston in the Eleventh Instant and that the Cause be tryed on the fifteenth instant Now heere at this day to wit the fifteenth day of May Anno Regni Domini 1699 came the said Robert Blackiston by Wm Bladen his Atty and offered him self ag^t the said Jacob Rognier but the said Jacob not having filed any Deed of the said Robert according to y^e prompty Rule of Court it is considered by the Court that the said Jacob Rognier take Nothing by his writt but be in Mercy for his false Clamor and it is further Considered that the said Robert Blackiston recover ag^t the said Jacob Rognier the Sum of five hundred twenty Seven pounds of Tobacco by the Court here adjudged him for his Cost and Charges in this behalf laid out and Expended according to the forme of the Statute in that behalf made and Provided

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John Gadsby
ag^t
Philemon Lewis

Philemon Lewis late of Baltimore County planter was attached to answer unto John Gadsby of a plea wherefore with force and Armes that is to say Swords fists Clubs and Staves an Assault upon the Body of him the said John did make and him did beat wound and Evilly intreat and other harmes to him did soe that of his life it was despaired ag^t the Peace of our Soveraign Lord the King that now is and to the Damage of the said John 5000 pounds of Tobacco and thereupon he brings his Suit And the said Philemon by Wm Dent his Atty comes and defends the force and Injury when &c and Saith that he is not guilty of the Assault and Battery &c in Manner and forme as the plaintiff above in his Declaration &c hath Complained and of this he putteth himself upon the Country and the plaintiff allso

Command is therefore given to the Sheriff of Anne Arundell County that forthwith he Cause to Come here twelve &c who neither &c by whome &c the truth &c as well &c he knowing &c And the Sheriff made Return thereof that he had there the said twelve &c as by his precept he was Commanded viz^t Mr^s Harris James Watts John Blackiston Anthony Thompson Sampson Allen Francis Wood James Smith Stephen Winchcomb John Halsted Jacob Harwood John Sewell and Thomas Tuchbey

Who heere at this day to wit the Eleventh day of May Anno Domini 1699 Came the said Jurors &c by their Attys &c and the Jurors Impannelled &c as &c being called likewise Came who being Elected Tryed and Sworne to speake the truth touching the premisses upon their Oathes do say