att a Provll Court held at annapolis ye last tuesday in Aprill being the 27th day of ye same month anno Dni 1708

The Grand Jury for the body of this province havering returned an Ignoramus bill agt ye Hon.ble Wm Haywood being brought here upon Suspecion of Killing a Negro woman nam'd Phellis— and for as much as nothing appeared agt him wherefore it is considered by ye Court by ye Hon.ble William Haywood be discharged paying his fees.—

Majesty's Suit vs Wm Haywood

William Bladen vs Philemon Hemsley late of Prince Georges County

Maryland ss: Philemon Hemsley of Calvert County Gent Admr of all & singular the Goods and Chattells rights and Credits which were of Wm Ardeborne late of Calvert County dec'd were attached to answer unto William Bladen of Anne Arundell County in a plea of trespass upon the case &c—

Whereas the said William Bladen in his proper person complains that whereas Mr William Ardeborne in his life time & at the time of his death on the 11th day of October 1700 at annapolis in Anne Arundell County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court was indebted unto the said William Bladen for valuable consideration before that time by the said William Ardeborne at his special Instance & request of the said Wm Bladen had received in his sume of some Wounds done the the said William Ardeborne did then and there in consideration thereof promise into the said William Bladen three bills of Exchange all of one tenor and date the 10th day of October 1700 and indorsed the same bills unto the said Wm Bladen according to customes of merchants & Writing his name upon the back thereof being Drawer & accomptant Laurence Knowles according to the Custome of merchants and to accomptant Mr Anthony Stratton merchant in London for Raymond Pickeled by the first of the said bills Laurence Knowles did require the said Anthony Stratton at twenty days sight of that first bill of Exchange the said first second & third not paid and also the second of the said bills at twenty days sight thereof the said first & third not paid and also the third of the said bills at twenty days sight thereof the said first & second not paid to the said William Ardeborne the Order the same of the second Part of which Indorsement and the said William Bladen became Indorsee of the said William Ardeborne And the said William Ardeborne then & there in Consideration of the premises did assume upon himself and to the said William Bladen faithfully to pay the said Bills or any of them should not duly accepted & paid according to

5 Custome thereof that then the said William Ardeborne twenty days mentioned for payment of the said Bills should & would well truly satisfy and pay unto the said John Bladen or the said Wm Bladen or his Order such sume as all cost and Damages as which the said William Bladen should or might sustaine by occasion of the non payment of the said Bills And the said Wm Ardeborne in full Lawfull & Publick manner to the said Plaintiff and Assumption of him the said Ardeborne so as aforesaid the Defendant the said Bills aforesaid in Consideration as aforesaid afterwards to wit on the first day of May Anno Dni 1707 at London aforesaid & certain James Stubbs Notary and Publick by Royall Authority admitted and sworne — at London aforesaid at the Request of Richd Haywood Esqr for and on the behalf of the said Wm Bladen did demand the first of the said Bills of Exchange to the said Wm Ardeborne late of the same Anne Arundell County for payment whereof the said Wm Ardeborne then refused the said Bill of Exchange & third being not paid and Damages for non payment thereof the said John Owen answered that he would not pay the said Bill for want of Assets whereupon the said Notary did protest the same as by the Instrument of Protest thereof duely read in Court produced may appeare Nevertheless the said Wm Ardeborne in the same and the said Plaintiff to contradict of all & singular the said Bills of Exchange & Protest thereof the said Wm Ardeborne in his life time & at the time of his death craftily & subtilly to deceive and defraud the said Plaintiff of the said Bills of Exchange & third part thereof the said Wm Bladen have not paid but the same to him to pay altho' the said Wm Ardeborne in his life time & the said Hemsley since his death have & each of them have denied & the said Hemsley for & on behalf of the said Wm Bladen hath ever bound and thereof the said Wm Ardeborne in his life time & the said Hemsley on his proper Upon Comes & Defend the force & injury when & where &c and saith that he cannot say but that the said Ardeborne in his life time did assume upon