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Maryland &c. George Chancy of Baltimore County Merch.t was summoned to answer unto James Lastaffe Francis Lee & John Maynard of a plea that he render to the Dame of three hundred & twelve pounds Sterling which he to them the same & from them unjustly detaineth.—

and whereupon the said James Francis & John by Jacob Lequier their Attorney say that whereas the said George the tenth day of April in the Year of our Lord 1700 at a certain place called Hertford in England to wit at Gunpowder Creek in the County of Baltimore had received of one Walter Dickenson late of Hertford in the County of Hertford within the Realm of England ages Tobacco and divers Goods Wares & Merchandizes to the Dame or value of three hundred & twelve pounds sterling ages to be paid to the said Walter Dickenson when the should be thereunto required — and whereas the said Walter the first day of May in the Year ages was indebted to the said James Wagstaffe Francis Lee & John Maynard & divers other his Creditors (the said James Francis & John being Subjects born of the Realm of England) in several Dams of money amounting to the Dams of one hundred pounds & upwards and the said Walter being so indebted and the said Dame of three hundred & twelve pounds sterling to the said Walter & the said George being not paid the said Walter afterwards to wit the tenth day of May ages in the Year ages at Hertford ages to wit at Gunpowder River in the County of Baltimore ages (the said James Wagstaffe Francis Lee & John Maynard & other his Creditors of the said Walter of whom debts ages not being satisfied) became a Bankrupt which said Walter at the time that he as aforesaid became Bankrupt was & still is a Subject born of the Realm of England to wit at Hertford ages & then & for many years before did Seek the trade of Living by Buying & selling and afterwards afterwards to wit the fifteenth day of June in the Year aforesaid upon the petition of the said James Wagstaffe Francis Lee & John Maynard & other his Creditors of the said Walter Dickenson then to wit Nathan Wright Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England made & preferred to have remedies against the said Walter Dickenson then being a Bankrupt (the said Dame) & against the Francis Lee & John Maynard & others of the Creditors of the said Walter Dickenson of whom debts ages being not satisfied) a certain Commission of Lunacy Queen Anne upon the Statutes against Bankrupts made & provided and in the date of the said Queen of England Seale a true Copy whereof as hereto fill annexed bearing date at Westminster the aforesaid fifteenth day of June in the Year ages to Maurice Hollett & James Wright Esq.rs John Quedy & John Wright Gent. was directed by which said Commission our said Lady the Queen gave full power & authority to the Comm.rs ages four or three of them to wit the said Maurice Hollett or James Wright the would have to be and according to the Generall Statutes of Bankrupts in the Parliament made & provided the Commission aforementioned concerning not only the said Bankrupt the Debts of the said Bankrupt the Lands of Bankrupt & the said debts made the Bankrupt to Fraudulently but also concerning the persons which by concealment, Bondsly or otherwise Malicious offend touching the premisses or any part thereof contrary to the intent & purpose of the said Statutes or any of them to do & require and require according to the said Statutes or either of them all & every Goods & Chattels whatsoever as well towards & for the Satisfaction & payment of the said debts as towards & for all other

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intents & purposes according to the Ordinance & provision of the same Statutes & by the said Commission the said Lady the Queen did ask & require in Charge that the said Commissioners four or three of them of which the said Maurice Hollett or James Wright the would have to be one to proceed to the Execution & accomplishment of the said Commission according to the true intent & purpose of the said Generall Statutes & either of them with all Diligence & Speed according to the Speciall Trust and Confidence of our said Lady the Queen in them reposed as by the same Commission more plainly appears By virtue of which said Commission & by force of the said Statutes the said Maurice Hollett Esq.r & John Quedy & the Wright Gent. for the better remedy of the said debts ages & afterwards Dilatation thereof taken afterwards to wit the Fourteenth day of June in the Year ages at London to wit at Gunpowder Creek in the County of Baltimore ages by their Indenture of Assignment between them the said Maurice Hollett John Quedy & Thomas Wright of the one part & the said James Wagstaffe Francis Lee & John Maynard of the other part a true Copy of which other parts dated the same day & Year aforesaid according to the Tenor of this province the said James Wagstaffe Francis Lee & John Maynard hereto Gent. produce & it is witnessed that whereas the Mr.s Commission under the Great Seale of England grounded upon the Generall Statutes made concerning Bankrupts dated at Westminster the fifteenth day of June in the Year one thousand seven hundred & two aforesaid had been awarded as Walter Dickenson of Hertford in the County of Hertford Bankrupt & directed to the said Maurice Hollett John Quedy & Thomas Wright to gather with James Wright Esq.r & John Hertford Gent. thereby giving full power & authority unto the said Commissioners four or three of them (whereof the said Maurice or James Wright to be one) to execute the same as by the said Commission relation being thereunto had may more at large appear and whereas as the said Comm.rs partys to the said Indenture having begun to put the said recited Commission in Execution upon due Examination of Witnesses & other good proofs before them upon Oath had & taken did find or it otherwise appeared to them that the said Walter Dickenson for the space of four Years & upwards before the date & suing forth of the said recited Commission did use & exercise the trade or business of a Tobacconist at his dwelling house & Shop in the Town of Hertford ages & bought & sold tobacco as other of the like trade or business used to do and that the said Quantities of Goods & Wares of divers Sorts & Sent the same to Maryland & other places beyond Seas to be there disposed of for his Accompt & had other wise dealt & traded as a Merchant & that during that his trading & dealing he became Justly & truly indebted & then still did owe & stand justly indebted unto the said James Wagstaffe Francis Lee & John Maynard & Generall other his Creditors in Generall Sums of money amounting to the Sum of one hundred pounds & upwards & being so indebted the said Walter Dickenson did in the Judgment of the said Comm.rs partys to the said Indentures become Bankrupt to all intents & purposes within the Compass true intent & meaning of the Generall Statutes made concerning Bankrupts some or one of them before the date & suing forth of the said recited Commission and whereas the said Comm.rs partys to the said Indenture in further Execution of the said recited Commission upon due Examination of Witnesses & other Good proof upon Oath before them had & taken did further find or it otherwise appeared to them that the said Walter Dickenson at the time he became

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