The plaintiff aforesaid by Thomas Mansemanc his attorney doth complaine of the penalty of the said bond obligatory to him delivered the principall with fifteen pounds interest

Richard Bennett
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Edward Stevenson

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Edward Stevenson of Talbot County planter was summoned to answere unto Richard Bennett of a plea that he render unto him the sume of twenty thousand two hundred forty four pounds of good merchantable leaf tobacco in wolf packed which he hath to him the owneth and unjustly detaineth and wherupon the said Richard Bennett by Robert Goldsborough his attorney saith that whereas the said Edward in Talbot County the twenty third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and four by his certaine under writing obligatory sealed with his seale as his act and deed delivered and now into court brought to which date is the same day and year he acknowledgeth himselfe to be held and firmly bound unto the same Richard in the full sume of twenty thousand two hundred forty four pounds of good merchantable tobacco in wolf packed to be paid to the said Richard Bennett his heirs admrs or assigns at which payment well and truely to be made he bound himselfe his heirs executors and admrs firmly by the aforesaid sume of twenty thousand two hundred forty four pounds of tobacco unto the said

He hath not rendered altho often required thereunto to him to render the said Debt Damages & the Damages of the said Richard forty thousand pounds of tobacco and thereupon he prays the Judgt

Judgment &c Debt

And the said Edward by his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c and prays the hearing of the obligation and it is read unto him he also prays the hearing of the condition which is read unto him in these words the condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Edward Stevenson his heirs executors or admrs shall well and truely pay unto the above named Richard Bennett his executors admrs or assigns the full and just sume of twenty thousand one hundred twenty two pounds of good sound merchantable leaf tobacco in cask to contain the same government weight upon the tenth day of October next ensuing the date hereof that then the obligation shall be void &c

And thereupon the said Edward Stevenson by his said attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c and says that he cannot gainsay the plaintiff his action aforesaid against him brought nor can he deny but the writing obligatory bind him his act and deed and that he is indebted as the plaintiff above against him claims &c

Therefore it is considered by the court here the 14th day of May &c Anno Dni 1706 that the said Richard Bennett recover against the said Edward Stevenson as well the sume of twenty thousand