Seventh year of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lady the Queen that now is &c Anno Dni 1708 — John Baker and Zacharias Vansweringen late of St Maries County Planters were attached to Answer unto Matthew Beard Carpenter of a plea wherefore by force they ejected and put out the said Matthew Beard from his Messuage and four hundred acres of Land with the appurtenances lying on the South side of St Clears Creeke in St Maries County and beginning at the head of the said Creeke bounded with the said Creeke on the North with Chesapeake Bay on the East on the South West with the Land of John Baker Senr and thence to the head of said Creeke now Wm Gulther of St Maries County and to the said Matthew Beard did demise for a Terme which is not as yett past he did Enter and thence the said Matthew from his farme and did Geet and other harmes to him to the Great Damage of the said Matthew against the peace &c

And Whereupon the same Matthew by Mornell Hunt his attorney Complaines that whereas the aforesaid Wm Gulther the first Day of January anno Dni 1707 at the aforesaid County and City of St Maries did demise to him the said Matthew the Lands and Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances to have and to Occupy to him and his assignes from the 25th Day of December then last past unto the full End and Terme of three years thence next following fully to be Compleat and Ended By Virtue of which Demise the aforesaid Matthew into the Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances did Enter and was thereof possessed and he the said Matthew being thereof possessed the aforesaid John Baker and Zach. Vansweringen afterwards to wit the Tenth Day of January anno Dni 1707 aforesaid by force and Arms the said Lands and Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances to the aforesaid Wm Gulther to him the said Matthew in farme aforesaid Demised for the Terme aforesaid which is not yet past did Enter and him from his farme aforesaid did Geet and other harmes to him did to the Great Damage of the said Matthew and against the peace &c Whereupon he says that he is Damnified and hath Cause to the Value of four hundred pounds Tob. & therefore brings this Suite &c

Tob. qu. &c Pettis Doc. & Costs Doc.

And the said John Baker and Zach. Vansweringen by W. Bladen and Rich. Pallam their attorney Come and Defend the force and Injury when &c and pray Leave to Imparle — thereunto until next Court and they have it and the same Day given to the plaintiffs also — All which said next Court to wit the Seventh Day of September anno Dni 1708 Come again as well the said Matthew Beard the plaintiff as the said Wm Gulther by his attorney as before Defends the force and Injury when &c and Say that they are not Guilty of the Trespass and Ejectment aforesaid in Manner and Forme as the plaintiff above against them hath Complained thereof for Tryall put themselves upon the County — And the aforesaid plaintiff also &c

Whereupon for Tryall of this Issue a Command is Given to the Sheriff of St Maries County that he Cause to Come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at the City of Annapolis the fourth Tuesday of November next Ensueing or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County as they shall be before that time to wit on Munday the first Day of November next Come to the County Court house in his County Twelve good and lawfull men of his Bailiwick by whome &c and neither &c to recognize &c the Cause and &c Afterwards the process Continued between the parties aforesaid on the plea aforesaid by the Jury being upon their Corn in Respect hereof until the fourth Tuesday in November next Which the Justices of our Lady the Queen to take the Assizes in the County aforesaid assigned on Munday the first Day of November next at the said County Court house in the said County should Come — And now here at this Day to wit the 24th Day of November Anno Dni 1708 to wit the Day the said prot. Com. was Depressed &c

(May 7)

May 7 Writ of Dimission from the Land Office the day of November Anno 1708 the aforesaid Matthew Beard by his Bill of Complaint against the said John Baker and Zach. Vansweringen their attorney and the Sheriff hath not had Cont — Wherefore Day is Given to the said parties in this place and at their request until next Cont —

At which said next Court to wit the 5th Day of April Anno Dni 1709 Come again the said John Baker and Zach. Vansweringen by their attorney and offer themselves against the said plaintiff in this place and the said Sheriff also hath formerly Given Cause not to be in this place and further [illegible]

Upon Hearing it is Considered by the Court here that the said Defendants do pay unto the said Matthew Beard the Costs of this suit by him the said Wm Gulther and his Charges in prosecuting the same and the Fees of the said Officers Compleat for the said John Baker and Zach. Vansweringen to be Levied without Day Given It is also Considered by the Court here that the said Matthew Beard Cause the said John Baker and Zach. Vansweringen Cause the said Matthew Beard to be put out of the said Wm Gulther his Terme of Sixteen years in the said Bill of Complaint for their Cost and Charges in this behalf so laid out and to be paid —

Mr Henry Hawkins the Chiefest of his Brethren Vestrymen of Port Tobacco parish — — — — — } Maryland ss.
William Tyler Carpenter otherwise called William Tyler of Charles County in the Province of Maryland Carpenter was Summoned to answer unto Henry Hawkins and the Rest of his Brethren Vestrymen of Port Tobacco parish of a plea that he Kept Covenant with them according to the forme force and effect of a certaine Indenture between them had and made which the said William ought to keep and &c

Wm Tyler

Whereupon the said Henry Hawkins and the Rest of his Brethren Vestrymen as aforesaid by W. Bladen their attorney say that Whereas by a certaine Indenture of parchment — made at Charles County the Twenty first Day of April one thousand seven hundred and five between the said Wm Tyler of Charles County in the province of Maryland Carpenter of the one part and the said Brethren Vestry of Port Tobacco parish of the other part one part whereof with the Seale of the said W^m sealed and with the hand of the said W^m signed, the said Henry Hawkins and his Brethren Vestrymen of the parish aforesaid Recite Court being Whose Date is the same Day & Yeare above mentioned it is witnessed that the said Wm Tyler did promise Covenant and Agree to and with the said Vestry aforesaid to build a Church where the Church then stood in the parish aforesaid the said Church to be Twenty Inches longer and Twenty Inches wider than the old Church aforesaid and to be well and substantially framed up raised and well shingled the Inside to be seiled with plank up to the windows and the Roof within to be plastered & white washed and the Gallarys and pews to be placed again where they then stood and likewise to be planked below as the old Church was and the sides and ends without to be boarded with plank if the said Tyler could get it, the said Tyler to find and Allow himself and his workmen their board During the building of the said Church for and in consideration of the premises aforesaid the Vestry aforesaid promise and Agree to and with the said Wm Tyler to find Run framing Timber Shingles Nayles and what plank he should have occasion for within side the said Church and to find Help to Get up the frame of the Church aforesaid at the Expiration of the said Work the Vestry aforesaid promise to pay the said Wm Tyler the Sum of Twenty thousand pounds of Tobacco in Cask and five pounds Ster money of Eng land and if the said William should find plank for the outside of the said Church then the Vestry was to pay a pound of Tobacco for foot for every foot that he should use and if the said W^m in

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