[illegible] the Kings Office [illegible] and the Kings Inst [illegible]
administratory [illegible] the admr aforesaid in forma aforesaid to him
to be Committed &c — Judges &c — Jno &c

And the said Lake Gardiner doth at ye Suit of his attorney ye prayer that a Day of
Hearing may be made and entered of the Bill of Exchange
Dat to the Tenor of Court, to proceed on the said Suite sworn in Court
at Law in order to Judgment next Court when it Ranks, and Thompson Clayton
given to understand unto sworn in Court at ye to answer unto the said plaintiffs action
and in the said ye middle next Court and the same Day is given to the said plaintiff
against — All which said next Court to wit the 10 Day of April Anno Dni
1711 came Coram the said Lake Gardiner doth at ye Suit of his attorney ye, and the said
of Richard Gill to wit, the said Court Comes and Made return to the Court that
the said sworn in Court the said Unto sworn in Court at ye with a Copy of the Bill
the said sworn in the said place aforesaid, Thompson the said Lake Gardiner doth at ye Suit of his
Dead in the said place aforesaid, Thompson the said Lake Gardiner doth at ye to the Court in Virginia
attorney Craves that the said Unto sworn in Court at ye also Solemnly
ye Day answer, but the said Unto sworn in Court at ye Default answer the said plaintiff Remained ye 1st
called Comes not but Makes Default answer the said plaintiff Remained ye 1st
Indt said Defdt wilfully and Contended
Thereupon the said Contended by the Mutual Bond and year Bill Memorial
that the said Lake Gardiner doth at ye Suit of his attorney against the said Unto
sworn in Court at ye as well the Summe of Twenty pounds Eight Shillings,
the said sworn in Court at ye Damages by Occasion of the premisses ye as also
Summe of Tobacco by the
Charges by him about
927 the Summe of
Court thereupon ye said unto sworn in Court for his Fee and [illegible]
the said Unto sworn in Court said out and suspended and the Defdt in Mercy &c

Mt: Richard Gill
Nathl Wickham

Command was given to the Sheriff of Prince George
County that he should take Nathaniel Wickham of
Same George County planter if he should be found in his
Bailiwick and him safely keep that he may have
his Body before the Justices of the Mayor Court to be held at
Annapolis the third Tuesday of October then next to answer unto Richard Gill
of a Plea of Trespass on the Case &c
Att which said third Tuesday of October Anno Dni the 10 Day of the same month
Anno Dni 1710 Being the Day of the Return of the said writt came the said
Richard Gill by Howell Hunt his attorney, as also the said Nathl of Prince George &c
to wit, solicit Wilson and Comes and Makes return to the Court that by virtue
of the writ to him directed ye the said taken the Body of the said Nathl Wickham
and that him safe keeping &c — and the said Nathl Wickham being called appears
and Thereupon the said Nathl Wickham at the prayer of the plaintiff is adjudged
to give Special Bail to the action aforesaid, but for want thereof the said Nathl
Wickham is committed into the Custody of the said Solicit Wilson there to remain
until &c — and the said Deft being indebted by his Deputy Coots Ringe of the said
Wickham accordingly — and thereupon the said Gill by his attorney
aforesaid Declares against the said Nathaniel Wickham in a Plea of
aforesaid as follows vizt

(Maryland ff)

Maryland ff — April Court 1711

Nathaniel Wickham of Prince George County planter was attached to
answer unto Richard Gill of a Plea of Trespass on the Case &c
And whereupon the same Richard by Howell Hunt his attorney Complaines that
whereas the said Nathl the 19th day of Sept Anno Dom 1708 at Annapolis in the
County of Anne according to the Custome of Merchts and others of this Prov province
of Maryland and the City of London in England Did use to make and draw his
third Bill of Exchange with his proper hand Subscribed bearing date the day & year
aforesaid to a Certaine Benjn Bradley Mercht in London Resideing and Negotiating
directed and by the same bill required the said Benjn at twenty days Sight of such
bill of Exchange his first and second of the same tenor and date not being paid to pay unto
a Certaine Morris Miles or his order the summe of twelve pounds twelve shillings and ten
pence halfpenny stg for Value of Wm Reed and bill afterwards at Annapolis aforesaid
in the County of Anne aforesaid and before sight thereof by the said Benjamin the
said Morris by Indorsement with his proper hand Subscribed according to the Custome of
Merchts aforesaid ordered the said summe of twelve pounds twelve shillings and ten pence half
penny Sterling to be paid to the order of Certaine Wm Sheppard for Value of Wm
Reed and the same Wm before the End of the twenty days or sight thereof aforesaid
Berjn at the County of Annarundell aforesaid by Indorsement on the said third bill of
Exchange with his proper hand subscribed according to the aforesaid Custome duly
Summe of fifteen pounds twelve shillings and ten pence halfpenny stg to be paid to
the order of the aforesaid Richard for Value of him and he thereof therefore
afterwards on the twenty fifth Day of July 1709 at London aforesaid the said Notice and bill
and there was required to pay the said summe of fifteen pounds twelve shillings and
ten pence halfpenny stg to the order of the aforesaid Richard and the certain Benjamin
in that Behalf the aforesaid Benjamin after Sight of the aforesaid third
bill and Notice aforesaid refused to make pay to the aforesaid Richard or his order
the aforesaid summe of fifteen pounds twelve shillings and ten pence halfpenny stg
and that for want of payment thereof the aforesaid Richard after the twenty days
Sight of the aforesaid third bill of Exchange by the aforesaid Benjamin on the 15 Day
of July 1709 aforesaid at London aforesaid protested or caused to be protested the aforesaid
third bill of Exchange the first and second of the same tenor and date not being paid according
to the Custome of Merchants aforesaid whereof the said Nathl the sixth Day of June
1710 at the County of Annarundell aforesaid had Notice and the said Richard Gill further in
fact says that the said Nathl the Eleventh Day of September Anno Dni 1708 at the
County of Annarundell aforesaid said to the said Richard the value of the
aforesaid summe of fifteen pounds twelve shillings and ten pence halfpenny stg with the
said third bill indorsed to the aforesaid William Sheppard and thereupon the said
in consideration thereof and of the Customs aforesaid the said tenth Day of June 1710
Dni at the County of Annarundell aforesaid upon mutuall estimate and to the said Richard
then and there faithfully promised that the said Nathl the aforesaid summe of fifteen
pounds twelve shillings and ten pence halfpenny stg together with all the Damages
interest and Cost by the said Richard sustained or to be sustained by Reason of the protesting
of the bill aforesaid to the said Richard when after thereunto required would well and
truly Content and pay Nevertheless the aforesaid Nathl his promise and assumption
aforesaid not regarding but minding and fraudulently intending the same Richard in
this parte Carelessly and wilfully to deceive and defraud the aforesaid summe of fifteen
pounds twelve shillings and ten pence halfpenny stg or the Interest Damd and Cost
of the protest aforesaid to the said Richard altho' required the said 10 Day of June 1710
aforesaid at the County aforesaid Annarundell Cnty Nath not paid but the same to

(pay)