Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seven at Queen Anne County demised to him the said John the plantation of three hundred Acres of land called St Paul with the appurtenances and **to have and to hold** the same to him the said John his heirs and assigns from the tenth day of September aforesaid for and during the full end and term of five years from thence next ensueing and fully to be compleat and ended by virtue of which demise the said John into the plantation lands and premises aforesaid entered and was thereof possessed until the said Charles Vanderford afterwards (that is to say) the fifteenth day of September aforesaid in the said year by force and armes into the plantation land and premises aforesaid the said Edmond Prior and Hallet his wife into him the said John did demise for the term aforesaid then and yet to come and unjustly entred and him from his farm aforesaid did expell expulse and amove and other harms to him the said do to the great damage of the said John and against the peace of our Soveraigne Lady the Queen that now is &c And whereupon the said John saith he is the worse and damage hath to the value of forty thousand pounds of tobacco and therefore he brings this suit &c

Pltfs John Dod Atto

And the said Charles Vanderford by Robert Bladen his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c and prays leave to imparle thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the pltff also

All which said next Court to wit the 11th day of October Anno Domini 1709 Come again the said parties by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Charles Vanderford by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the pltff also

All which said next Court to wit the 11th day of April Anno Domini 1710 Come as well the said John Hawkins lessee of the said Edmond Prior and Hallet his wife by his attorney aforesaid and the said Charles Vanderford by his said attorney as before defend the force and injury when &c and says that he is not guilty of the trespass and ejectment aforesaid in the said Manner and form as the pltff above by him hath complained and thereof for trial puts himself upon the Country - And the said pltff likewise

Whereupon for trying the issue aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County that he cause to come before the Justices of the prov Court at the City of Annapolis the second tuesday of July next ensueing or before the Justices appointed to take the assize in this County of they shall before that time (to wit) on Thursday the twenty fifth day of May next come to the County court house in his County twelve good and lawfull men of his bailywick by whom &c who neither the litigants are to be because &c - Afterwards the court continued between the parties aforesaid on the plea aforesaid by the Jury being put thereon in respite until the second tuesday of July next until the Justices of our Lady the Queen to take the assize in this County aforesaid assigned on Thursday the twenty fifth day of May next at the said County Court house in the said County should come

All which said second tuesday of July to wit the 11th day of the same month Anno Domini 1710 before her maj Justices of the prov Court at the City of Annapolis in Anne County come as well the said John Hawkins lessee of the said Edmond Prior and Hallet his wife as the said Charles Vanderford by their attorney aforesaid and the Judices of the assize before whom the said record before them had in the said words by the

Afterwards the day and place within contained before Thomas Smith and Philemon Lloyd Esqrs two of her maj Justices of the prov Court of this province assigned to hold the assize in the same Court being also assigned to take the assize in Queen Anne County &c came as well the within named John Hawkins lessee of the said Prior and Hallet his wife within named as the within written Charles Vanderford by their attorney within contained And the jurors of the jury of inquiries made and not being impannelled likewise called Samuel Chew John King James Gould Richard Power Thomas Howard Richard Hodges Francis Robert Alley William Denton John Collins Tom Lambert John Allington and Matthew Erickson who being called tryed and sworn to speak the truth concerning the within contained And the said Charles by Philip Lowder his Counsell saith that the within and by the said lessee to the jurors aforesaid above in Evidence given and shewn is not sufficient in law to prove the issue within joyned on and for the party of the said lessee And that he ought to have judgment to the matter in form aforesaid in Evidence given by the law of Maryland to answer thereunto and this he is ready to verify wherefore forasmuch as the said matter to the jurors aforesaid in that behalf shewed given or shewn the said Charles prays judgment and that the jurors aforesaid from giving their verdict upon the issue aforesaid be discharged and that his damages together with the Costs expended in this behalf and incurred may be adjudged for the reason that the complaint of the record and demisation produced as in evidence hath not the legall credibility ought not to be received as evidence &c And the said John Hawkins by his attorney aforesaid says that forasmuch as he hath shewn to the jurors aforesaid sufficient matter in Evidence to maintain the issue aforesaid on the part of the said John Hawkins which the said Charles Vanderford hath not learned nor in any wise gainsayed and for that the complaint of record of demisation by the said John Hawkins to the jurors aforesaid in Evidence produced is sufficient in law to prove the said Charles Vanderford to have been an Alien and to have been born out of the allegiance of the Kingdom of England and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays judgment and the recovery of his term aforesaid and of his damages to him be adjudged and that the jurors aforesaid from giving their verdict aforesaid may be discharged - Whereupon by the said Evidence being heard and fully understood by the Justices here it seemeth to the same Justices that the Evidence aforesaid and the matter therein contained to the jurors aforesaid given in Evidence is good and sufficient in law to maintain the issue aforesaid on the part and behalf of the said John Hawkins and for that the said Justices cannot proceed to charge the said jurors of the said assize of the premises they being thereof discharged to adjourn the Cause into the next general Court which Court further day is given to the pltff and defendant

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