Pledges of Prosecuting be in Mercy & and that the names of the said Pledges be Entered &c
and that the said John Fells go thereof without day &c

Pl. James Lloyd Esqr of the County
of St. Michael Parish ——
Deft. Michael Fletcher ——

September Term 1723 ss:
Talbot County ss: Be it Remembred that heretofore
to wit the tenth day of October in the Sixth year of the

Dominion of the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary that now is & Annoq Dom. 1721
Michael Fletcher late of Talbot County planter was attached to Answer unto James Lloyd of
apsa who hath found with force and Armes &c: that the late Dwelling plantation of Thos:
Smithson late of Talbot County Esqr deced and into the Lands late of the s.d Thomas Smithson
Esqr adjacent thereto where of the said Thomas Smithson Esqr died Seized which said Lands
being all plantable Lands called & Commonly known by the names of Holdens part of Holdens
addition, Right, Holdens Range, part of Mill road and part of Mill roads addition, including Barns
Land all which Plantation and Land was in the Tenure or Occupation of Mary Smithson with the
appurts which the Revd Henry Nicholas the Rector of St Michaels Parish in Talbot County and
Mathew Tilghman Ward Robert Goldsborough, Jacob Gibson William Rimner, Edward Elliot
and Francis Sherwood Gent Vestrymen of the said Parish to the said James Lloyd did demise for a
Term of years which is not yet past hath Entred and him from his Farm aps Ejected & other
harms to him hath done to the great Damage of him the said James Lloyd and agt the peace &c

And whereupon the same James Lloyd by Thomas Bordley his Attorney Complains that whereas
the aps Henry Mathew Tilghman, Robert, Jacob, William, Edward and Francis the fourth day of
March in the year of our Lord One Seventeen hundred and Twenty at Talbot County aps did Demise
to the aps James the aps Lands and premises with the Appurts To Have & to Hold the same
unto him the same James and his assignes from the County seventh day of February then last past
until the end and term of five years from thence next following and fully to be Compleat and
Ended by Vertue of which Demise the same James Lloyd into the aps Lands & premises
with the Appurts Entred and was there of possessed and the same James being so thereof possessed
the aps Michael Fletcher afterwards to wit the same fourth day of March Annoq Dominj
Seventeen hundred and Twenty aps with force and Armes &c into the aps Land premises &
with the Appurts which the same Henry, Mathew Tilghman, Robert Jacob, William
Edward and Francis to the same James Lloyd in form aps Demised for the Term aps yet is
not yet past Entered and him from his Farm aps Ejected and other harms to him hath
done to the great Damage of the same James and against the peace &c whereupon
he says he is the worse and hath Loss to the Value of Two hundred pounds Sterling and
therefore he brings the Suit &c:

Pledges &c John Doe
Richard Roe

And the said Michael Fletcher by Daniel Delany his Attorney Comes and Defends the
force and Injury when &c and prays Leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he
hath it and the same day is given to the Plff also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th day of April Anno Dom: 1722 Comes again the s.d
parties Plff and Defend: by their Attorneys aps and the said Defend: by leave: Attorney
prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and hath it and the same

(day)

day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 11th day of September Anno Dom: 1722 Come again the said parties
Plff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defend: by his said Attorney prays further
Leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plff also

At which said next Court to wit the 9th day of April Anno Dom: 1723 Come again the said parties Plff and
Defend: by their Attorneys aps and the said Defend: by his said Attorney prays further Leave to Imparle &
hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th day of September Annoq: Dom: 1723 Comes again as well the
said James Lloyd Esqr of the said Henry, Mathew Tilghman, Robert, Jacob, William Edward & Francis
Vestrymen as aps by his Attorney aps as the said Michael Fletcher by his Attorney aps and the said Michl Fletcher
by his said Attorney as before defends the force and Injury when &c and Says that he is not Guilty of the
Trespass and Ejectment aps in such Manner and form as the Plff above against him hath Complained
and thereof for Tryale puts himself upon the Country. And the aps Plff in like Manner

Whereupon for trying the Issue aps Command is given to the Sheriff of Talbot County that he Cause to come
before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Thursday of May next a before the Justices
appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to sit on Friday the Seventeenth
day of Aprile next to the County Court house in his said County Twelve good & Lawfull men of his Bailywick
by whom &c who neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c

Afterwards the precept Continued between the parties aps on the plea aps by the Jury being put
thereon in respect how until the third Thursday of May next Unless the Justices of his Lordships the Right
Honble the Lord Proprietor to take the Assizes in the said County assigned should before that time
to sit on Friday the Seventeenth day of Aprile next to the County Court house in the said County Come
And now here at this day to wit the 24th day of May Anno Dom: 1724 Comes again into his Lordships
Provincial Court here as well the said James Lloyd Esqr of the said Henry, Mathew Tilghman, Robert
Jacob, William, Edward, and Francis Vestrymen aps by his Attorney aps as the said Michael Fletcher
by his Attorney aps and the Justices of Assize before whom &c did here their record before them had in the
words following viz:

Afterwards at the day and place above Contained before the Honble Thos: James
Harris and Mr Roger Woolford Esqrs having in Commission to them & other Robert Goldsborough, Robert Ungle
and John Bullock Esqrs three of the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary his Justices of the Peace for Talbot
County aps According to the Form of the Act of Assembly &c: Come the within named James Lloyd Esqr
of the within named Henry Nichols Rector of St Michaels Parish in Talbot County and Mathew
Tilghman Ward, Robert Goldsborough, Jacob Gibson, William Rimner Edward Elliot and Francis
Sherwood Gent Vestrymen of the said Parish by his Attorney within Entrined and the within
named Michael Fletcher altho Solemnly Called doth not Come but maketh default therefore the
Jury Under noath written is taken agt him by Default and the Jurors of that Jury being Called
to wit Nicholas Lusty Benjamin Bambleton, William Dobson, Robert Hobbs, Gabriel Sales
Nicholas Lowe, Edward Hobbs, Hezekiah Macklway, Francis Armstrong William Brown, Peter
Rufsum and David Robinson do Come and in that Jury are Sworn who to Say the truth of the
within Contained being Elected tryed and Sworn upon their Oath do say that the aforesaid

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