forty pounds of Tobacco by an Equal Proportion And further it is Considered by the said Justices that the Sheriff in Case Charles Mills be remanded into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County to be kept by the Sheriff in Case Custody until the twenty Seventh Instant when to be Carried to the Courthouse in Kent County and in further Case to be branded with a hot Iron upon the Brawn of his Right Thumb with the Letter T And thereupon he is Committed into the Custody of the said Sheriff of Kent County there to remain until &c

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J. G. Robert Alexander } Command was given to the Sheriff of Baltimore County that he should take Edward
vs. Edward Hall ... } Hall late of Baltimore County Gent if he should be found in his Bailywick and him safe keeping so that he might have his body before the Justices of this Lord Ships Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday in October then next to Answer unto Robert Alexander of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and that there of he the said Sheriff shewed not faile &c

And thereupon the said Robert Alexander Declared against the said Edward Hall in the words following viz:

Maryland ss: Edward Hall late of Baltimore County Merchant was attached to Answer unto the said Robert Alexander of a plea of Trespass upon the Case And whereupon the Same Robert by Joshua George his Attorney Complains that whereas the said Edward the Fourth day of January Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred and Twenty two at Baltimore County the Same Edward Hall then and there Negotiating and using Commerce made and with his proper hand and name Subscribed his Certain first Bill of Exchange in Writing according to the use and Custom of Merchants from the time whereof the Memory of man is not to the Contrary used and approved bearing date the Same day & year and the Same Bill to a Certain Philip Smith Merchant in London directed and by the same Bill Requested the said Philip Smith at thirty days Sight of that his first Bill of Exchange his Second & third of the Same Tenor and date not being paid to pay or Cause to be paid unto John Hall or Order the Sum of Twenty Seven pounds Sterling for Value received and to place the Same to the Account of the said Edward Hall and afterwards to wit the 4th day of January Anno Dom Seventeen hundred & twenty two aforesd at Baltimore County aforesd the aforesd John Hall by his Indorsement upon the Same first Bill of Exchange Indorsed and with his proper hand Subscribed according to the use and Custom of Merchants from the whole time aforesd used and approved appointed the aforesd Contents of the aforesd first Bill of Exchange to be paid to the aforesd Robert Alexander or Order and afterwards to wit the Twenty eighth day of November Anno Dom: Seven teen hundred and Twenty three at London aforesd bill at Baltimore County aforesd the aforesd first Bill of Exchange to the aforesd Philip Smith was shewn and the said Philip then and there having Notice of the Endorsement aforesd was according to the use and Custom of Merchants requested to Accept and pay the said first Bill according to the Tenor thereof the said Philip Smith having before that time had thirty days sight thereof the Second and third of the same Bills being not Accepted nor paid and the said Philip the Same first Bill to Accept then and there & always hitherto Altogether refused and hath not Accepted the Same nor paid the Contents thereof to the said Robert Alexander according to the use of Merchants aforesd But afterwards to wit the aforesd Twenty Eighth day of November Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred and Twenty three aforesd at London aforesd bill at Baltimore County aforesd the aforesd first Bill of Exchange according to the use and Custom of Merchants aforesd was protested by Reason of the said Non Acceptance and Non Payment of all which the aforesd Edward Hall afterwards to wit the first day of September Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred and Twenty Four at Baltimore County aforesd had Notice by Instant of which premises the aforesd Edward Hall according to the use and Custom of Merchants aforesd from the whole time aforesd used and approved became and is Chargeable to pay the aforesd Twenty Seven pounds Sterling in the aforesd first Bill of Exchange with all Cost Damages and Interest Suffered & Sustained

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by Occasion of the Non Acceptance of the aforesd first Bill of Exchange and non payment of the Contents thereof to the aforesd Robert Alexander or Order to whom the payment thereof by the Endorsement aforesd as before was appointed to be made and thereupon the said Edward Hall afterwards to wit the aforesd first day of September Anno Dom: Seven teen hundred and Twenty Four aforesd at Baltimore County aforesd in Consideration thereof upon himself assumed and to the said Robert then and there faithfully promised that he the said Edward the aforesd Twenty Seven pounds Sterling with all Lawfull Costs Damages and Interests suffered and Sustained by the said Robert to whom the payment thereof by the Endorsement aforesd as before Appointed was to be made when he should be afterwards thereunto required would well and truly Content and pay and the said Robert in fact saith that the Lawfull Costs & Damages and Interest of him the said Robert by the aforesd Occasion of the Non Acceptance of the aforesd first Bill of Exchange as aforesd Amount unto five pounds Eight Shillings Sterling whereof the said Robert the day year & place last mentioned to the Same Edward Gave Notice Nevertheless the aforesd Edward Hall his promise and Assumption aforesd not at all regarding but minding and fraudulently Intending the said Robert in this part Craftily & Subtilly to Deceive and Defraud the said twenty Seven pounds Sterling with the Lawfull Costs Damages and Interests aforesd which in the whole amount to thirty two pounds Eight Shillings Sterling or any part thereof to him the said Robert altho he hath been by the said Robert thereunto required to wit on the first day of September in the year Seven teen hundred and twenty four aforesd at Baltimore County aforesd and often afterwards at the same County hath not paid or him for the same hitherto hath in any wise Contented but the Same to him to pay hath hitherto Refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of him the said Robert Alexander Sixty pounds Sterling and thereof brings the Suit &c

Pledges &c John Doe Richard Roe

A Copy of which Declaration was made and sent with the writ in the plea aforesaid

At which said third Tuesday of October to wit the twentieth day of the Same Month Anno Dom: 1724 being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ and Declaration Comes the said Robert Alexander by Joshua George his Attorney and the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the Same was directed Likewise Comes & makes Return thereof to the Court herein therefore words viz:

Cepi Corpus William Smith Shff:

Whereupon the said Robert Alexander by his attorney aforesd prays that the said Edward Hall to his Declaration in the plea aforesd may Answer But the said Edward Hall altho Solemnly Called Comes not but makes default whereby the said Robert remains against the Edward therefore wholly undefended

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the twentieth day of October Anno Dom: 1724 aforesd that the said Robert Alexander recover against the said Edward Hall as well the Sum of thirty two pounds Eight Shillings Sterling his Damages aforesd as also the Sum of

738 pounds of Tobacco by the Court here adjudged of the aforesd of the said Robert expended unto him for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf Laid out and expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c

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DD The Lord Propry } Command was given to the Sheriff of Baltimore County that he should take John Stokes late
vs. John Stokes ... } of Baltimore County in the province of Maryland Gentleman otherwise called John Stokes of Baltimore County in the province aforesd if he should be found in his Bailywick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October then next to Answer unto his said Lordship the Right Honourable Charles absolute Lord and Propry of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c of a plea that he render unto them the full sum and just Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask viz:

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