that he Cause to Come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday
of October next & before the Justices Appointed to take the assize in his County of Cecil
Shall Respond that time to wit on Wednesday the Sixteenth day of September next to the
County Court houses in his County Come Twelve good and Lawful men of his Bailywick
by whom &c who neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c

Afterwards the process Continued between the parties aforesaid by the
Jury being put thereon in Respect hereunto till the third Tuesday of October next
Unless the Justices of his Lordships the Lord propry to take the assize in the said County Cecil Cause
on Wednesday the Sixteenth day of Septr next to the County Court house in the s: County should Come
And now here at this day to wit the Third Tuesday of October being the 20: day of the same
Month Anno Dom: 1724 Comes again before his Lordships Justices of the provincial Courts
as well the said, Richard Cooke, Justinian Jordan and Mary his wife, Winifred Cooke, William Scott
and Ann his wife by their Attorneys aft as the said William Cooke by his Attorney aft and the
Justices of assize before whom & sent here their record before them had in these words Viz:—
Afterwards to wit the day and place last above Mentioned before Thomas Addison Esqr one
of his Lordships Justices of the provincial Court of this province and James Stoddart Esqr one
other of his Lordships Justices of the said Court assigned to take the assize in St Marys County
aforesaid According to the form of the Statute & Came the within named William Cooke
Justinian Jordan and Mary his wife, Winifred Cooke, William Scott and Anne his wife by
Daniel Dulany Esqr their Attorney and the said William Hook by William Cumming
his Attorney and the Jurors of the Jury whereof mention is above made being Called
Likewise Come to wit John Cartwright, Thomas Hall, Richard Burroughs, William Cole,
John Harrison, John White, Thomas Plummer, James King, James Semahelle
Hugh Hopewell, Wm Wilkinson Jr and Robert Clark Jr who being duly Elected tryed
and Sworn to say the truth in the premises upon their Oath do say that the said
William Cooke did take the Negroe aforesaid of them the said Richard Justinian and
Mary Winifred Wm and Ann to wit two Negroe women named Hannah & Besse and
their Increase viz: Seven Negroe boys named Charles, Dick, Jack, Tom, Sam, Ned and
one other Negroe boy about Six Weeks old not named and two Negroe Girls viz:
Sarah & Hannah and also one very old Negroe woman named Kate and them did
Unjustly detain against Equity and pledges Until &c as by the Declaration above is
Supposed. Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 20th day of October Anno
Dom: 1724 aft that the said Richard Cooke, Justinian Jordan and Mary his wife, Winifred Cooke
William Scott & Anne his wife Recover their Damages by Occasion of the taking & Unjust detaining
the Negroes aft: & of him the said William Cooke Ought to recover But because it is Unknown
to the Justices here what Damages the said Richard Cooke, Justinian Jordan & Mary his
(wife)

wife Winifred Cooke, William Scott and Anne his wife have Sustained by the aft Occasion It is
Commanded the Sheriff of St Marys County that by the Oath of twelve good and Lawful men of his
Bailywick he Diligently Enquire what Damages the said Richard Cooke, Justinian Jordan
and Mary his wife Winifred Cooke William Scott and Anne his wife have Sustained by Occasion of
the taking and Unjustly Detaining the Negroes aft & beside their Costs & Charges by them about
their Suit in this behalf Laid Out and Expended & that the Inquisition which he is to send to
his Lordships Justices of the next provincial Court to be held for the Province of Maryland
together with his Lordships writ to him directed And the same day is Given to the said
William Cooke also—

Dd The Lord Proprietary } Maryland ss / John Hack of Cecil County Gent Attorney called John Hack
Jg John Hack ..... } of Cecil County in the province aft was Summoned to Answer unto the
Lord propry of a plea that he render unto his said Lordships Rent aft due & Just
Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of Sound Merchantable Leaf tobacco and Cask
which from the said Lord propry he Unjustly Detains &c

And Whereupon Daniel Dulany his Lordships Attorney Generall of the province aft who for
the said Lord propry in this behalf prosecuteth Saith that whereas the said John Hack the Seventeenth
day of November in the Seventh year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Dom: Seven hundred
and twenty two at Cecil County by his Certain writing Obligatory Granted himself to be held and
firmly bound unto the said Lord propry in the aft two hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound
Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid to the said Lord propry when he should be
afterwards thereunto requested Never the less the said John Hack altho often thereunto requested
the said Two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco or any part thereof to the said Lord propry
hath not yet rendered or paid but the same to him to render or pay hath hitherto Denied
and Gainsayd and Still do deny & Gainsay to the Damage of the said Lord propry five
hundred pounds Sterling and this for the said Lord Propry the said Attorney General is
ready to verify and the said Attorney General brings hereinto Court the Sealed Obligatory
aforesaid which Testifies the Debt aft in form aft whereof date is the day and year aboveSaid
And the said John Hack by Joshua Geage his Attorney Comes and Defends the force &
Injury when & and prays Leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court & he hath it and
the same day is given to the said Danl Dulany Esqr Attorney Generall who for his
Lordships in this behalf prosecuteth Alsoe
At which said next Court to wit the 19th day of May Anno Dom: 1724 Comes again as well
the said Danl Dulany Esqr Attorney Generall who & as the said John Hack by his Attorney
aft and the said John Hack 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 said Danl Dulany
Esqr Attorney Generall who & also.