as his wife hath altogether refused and afterwards viz the twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and twenty eight in St Marys County aft Married as his wife a Certain Mary Hood Contrary to the Promise and assumption aft of the said Francis and the said Mary stile is and Continues the wife of the said Francis to the Damage of the said Ann five hundred pounds sterling and therefore she brings this suit &c.

Pledges pr Jno Doe Richd Roe

And the said Francis Hopewell by Philip Key his attorney Comes and defends the force & Injury when &c and prays Leave to Imparle thereunto untill next Court &c he hath it & the same day is given to the pltff also. At which said next Court to wit the twenty first day of October Anno Dom: 1729 Come again the said Parties pltff and deft by their attorneys aft and the said Deft by his said attorney prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court &c he hath it and the same day is given to the pltff also.

At which said next Court to wit the 19th day of May Anno Dom: 1730 Comes again as well the said Ann Read by her attorney aft as the said Francis Hopewell by his said attorney and the said Francis Hopewell by his attorney aft as before defends the force and Injury when &c and saith that he did not assume upon himself in such Manner and form as the pltff above against him hath Complained and for Tryall thereof Puts himself upon the Country — And the pltff also.

Whereupon for Trying the Issue aft Command is given to the Sheriff of St Marys County that he cause to come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next or before the Justices Appointed to take the assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Wednesday the Sixteenth day of September next to the County Court house in the said County come twelve good and lawful men of his Bailywick by whom &c who neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c. Afterward the Process continued between the Parties aft on the plea aft by the Jury being put thereon in Respect Lord until the third Tuesday of October next Unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Propry to take the assizes in this County assigned on wednesday the sixteenth day of September next to the County Court house in the said County should come.

And now here at this day to wit the Twentieth day of October Anno Dom 1730 Comes again into his Lordships Provincial Court as well the said Ann Read by her attorney aft as the said Francis Hopewell by his attorney aft But the Sheriff hath not sent his writ.

Thereupon Command is again given to the sheriff of St Marys County that he cause to come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May next or before the Justices Appointed to take the assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Wednesday the twenty first day of April next to the County Court house in the said County come twelve &c to recognize in form aft. Afterward the process continued between the parties aft on the plea aft by the Jury being put thereon in Respite here until the third Tuesday of May next Unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Propry to take the assizes in the said County assigned on Wednesday the twenty first day of April next to the County Court house in the said County should come.

(And)

And now here at this day to wit the said third Tuesday of May being the 18th day of the same Month Anno Dom: 1731 Comes again into his Lordships Prov: Court here as well the said Ann Read by her attorney aft as the said Francis Hopewell by his attorney aft and the Justices of Assize before whom &c hereafter their record before them had in the words following viz.

Afterwards to wit at the day and place above mentioned before the Honble Wm Lock Esq. one of his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court and John Smith Esq. one other of the Justices of the said Court assigned to take the Assizes in St Marys County according to the form of the Act of Assembly &c Came the within named Ann Read by Thomas Clark her attorney as the said Francis Hopewell by Philip Key his attorney and the Jurors of that Jury whereof mention is above made being Called likewise come to wit John Cheyly, Richard Barroughs, James Wood, John McKey Thos Hobb Edward Jordan John Taylor John Brewer, John Mitchell, John Morgan, Wm Snowden and John Willmer who being duly Elected Tryed and sworn to say the truth in the premisses upon their Oath do say that the said Francis Hopewell did not assume upon himself in such Manner and form as the pltff above against him hath Complained. Jeff Hopkins Clerk of Assize

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 18th day of May Anno Dom 1731 aft that the said Ann Read and her Pledges of Prosecuting to wit John Doe & Richd Roe be in Mercy &c and that the said Francis Hopewell go thereof without day &c. And also it is Considered that the said Francis Hopewell do Recover against the said Ann Read the Sum of

Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here Adjudged unto him for his Costs and Charges and Charges by him about his Defence in this behalf Laid out and Expended according to the form of the Statute &c

We Charles Drury } Maryland ss
Wm John Bradford } John Bradford late of Prince George County Gent — otherwise Called John Bradford of Prince George County Gent was Summoned to answer unto Charles Drury of a plea that he render unto him the full & just Sum of five hundred pounds Sterling money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c —

And whereupon the same Charles Drury by William Cunningham his Attorney saith that whereas the aft John Bradford on the twenty Ninth Day of June Anno Dom Seventeen hundred & twenty Six at Prince George County aft by his Certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held & firmly bound unto the said Charles Drury in the aft Sum of five hundred pounds to be paid to the said Charles Drury when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aft John Bradford altho' often required the aft Sum of five hundred pounds to the same Charles Drury hath not paid but the same to him to pay hath refused & still doth refuse whereupon he says he is the Worse & has loss to the Value of One thousand pounds Sterling Money aft and thereof he brings the Suit &c And he brings here into Court the Writing aft which the Debt aft in form aft doth testify whose Date is the Day & year above written &c

Pledges &c John Doe & Richard Roe —

And the aft John Bradford by Michael Mannamara his Attorney Comes & Defends the force & Injury when &c and prays a hearing of the writing Obligatory aft