Therefore it is Considered by the Court here the day and year last
mentioned that the said Susannah Stokes Exx of the said John Stokes recover against
the said John Dorsey and hold the sum of Seven thousand three hundred and Eighty pounds
of Tobacco the Damages aft as also the sum of
Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here to the said Susannah aft
be adjudged for her Costs and Charges by her about her suit in this behalf
laid out and expended and the said John Dorsey in Dorsey
Mr. Ridgely in open Court makes Caveat of an Appeal for his Lordship in the
above Judgment which is allowed of by the Court here

Test Ch. Ridgely Clk

Susannah Stokes Exx of John Stokes
vs
John Dorsey

Command was given to the Sheriff of Baltimore County that
he should take John Dorsey late of Baltimore County Gent
if he should be found in his bailiwick and him safely keep
so that he might have his body before his Lordships Justices
of the Provl Court to be holden at Annapolis the third Tuesday of
October next to answer unto Susannah Stokes Executrix of the
Testament and last will of John Stokes late of the same of Trespass upon the
Case that then if he the said Sheriff should not find
the said Defendant upon Oath by his Attorney declared against the said
John Dorsey in the plea aforesaid in Action of
Maryland ss John Dorsey late of Baltimore County Gent was attached to answer unto
Susannah Stokes Executrix of the Testament and last will of John Stokes
late of a plea of Trespass upon the Case
And whereupon the same Susannah by Dan. Dulany her Attorney Complains that
whereas the said John Dorsey the Twenty Eighth day of March Anno Domini Seven hundred
and twenty six in Baltimore County aft according to the Custom Merchants
and other persons using Commerce and Dealing Merchandize and Exchange
in the Memory of Man used and accustomed Three Bills of Exchange and his
proper hand subscribed bearing date the day and year aforesaid all for one sum
date and to a Gentleman in London named by the first of the
Bills the said John Dorsey requested the said Jonathan Howard to pay
his first Bill of Exchange the second and third of the same Tenor being unpaid to pay
unto the said John Stokes in his life time or his order twenty one pounds five shillings
and seven pence Stling for Value received to make good payment and place the same
to Account of the said John Dorsey which same first Bill the second and third of the
same Tenor being unpaid the said John Stokes in his life time afterwards to wit the
Twentieth day of January Anno Domini seventeen hundred and twenty six at London in
the County aft to the said Jonathan Howard did show and then & there request the
said Jonathan to accept the said Bills and to pay the money therein mentioned to the
order of the said John Stokes in his life time which said Bill he then refused to accept
or the money therein mentioned to pay the said Jonathan & there refused and
the same to pay hath always hitherto refused whereupon the said John Stokes in his
life time afterwards to wit the seventeenth day of February in the year aforesaid
in London in the County aft the first Bill aft the second and third of the same Tenor
being unpaid did protest a Bill of Exchange according to the Custom aforesaid
all the time aft used and Approved whereof the said John Dorsey afterwards to wit
the Sixth day of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and thirty one had Notice by
reason of which then after the said John Dorsey by and according to the Custom aft
all the time aft used and Approved to wit in London and the Charge aft every right

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to Chargeable to pay the money in the said Bill mentioned together with all Costs Damages and
Charges Occasioned by the non payment thereof and the protestation of the said Bill to the said
John Stokes in his life time and being so therewith Chargeable the said John Dorsey the day and year
last mentioned at Baltimore County aforesaid in Consideration of the premises upon himself assumed
and to the said John Stokes in his life time then and there faithfully promised that he the said John
Dorsey the said Twenty one pounds five shillings and seven pence together with the Costs Damage and
Charge Occasioned by the non payment thereof and the protestation of the said Bill to the said John Stokes
in his life time when thereunto requested would truly content and pay and the said Susannah in Fact
saith that the Cost Damage and Charge Occasioned by the non payment of the money mentioned in the
said Bill and the protestation thereof amount to three pounds Eight Shillings Sterl whereof the
said John Dorsey had Notice And whereas the said John Dorsey afterwards to wit the Tenth day of
November Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Twenty nine in the County aft was indebted to the
said John Stokes in his life time in Forty Six pounds Sterl for the like sum of Money by the said
John Stokes in his life time to the use of the said John Dorsey at his special instance & request
Laid out and Expended and being so thereof indebted the said John Dorsey in Consideration
thereof the day and year last mentioned in the County aft upon himself assumed and to the said
John Stokes in his life time then and there faithfully promised that he the said John Dorsey
the said Forty Six pounds Sterl to the said John Stokes in his life time when thereunto requested
would well and truly content and pay Yet notwithstanding the said John Dorsey his Several promises &
assumptions aforesaid not regarding but minding and fraudulently intending him the said
John Stokes in his life time and the said Susannah since the Death of the said in this part
Craftily and Subtilly to deceive and Defraud the said John Dorsey the said Several Sums
or any part thereof to the said John Stokes in his life time or the said Susannah since the
Death of the said John hath not paid or any way Contented although to do the said John Dorsey
by the said John Stokes in his life time the day and year last mentioned in the County aft
and by the same Susannah since the Death of the said John to wit the Sixth day of August
Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and thirty two in the said County was requested but the same
to them or either of them to pay hath refused and the same to the said Susannah to pay
still doth refuse whereby the said Susannah saith she is the worse and hath Damage
to the Value of One hundred and fifty pounds Sterl and therefore she brings Suit and
She also brings hereinto Court the Letters Testamentary whereby her being Executrix
of the Testament of the said John Stokes and thereon to have Administration to the
Court here may Appear &c. Pledges John Doe Richard Roe

A Copy of which Decl was made and sent with the writ in the plea aforesaid.
At which said third Tuesday of October to wit the 17th day of the same Month Anno Domini
1732 being the day of the return of the foregoing writ comes the said Susannah Stokes Exx
as aft by her Attorney aft and the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the same writ was
directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here in these words viz.

Non Est Inventus Nard. stay at the Dwg of the defend. last placed of abode in time
John Hall Sheriff

Thereupon the said Susannah Stokes Exx as aft by her Attorney aft prays that for as much
as she hath complyed with the Laws in order to a Judgment she may have Judgment
against the said John Dorsey as well for the Damages aft as for her Costs & Charges by her about

(her)