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William Hunt by Dan: Dulany his Attorney & Cons him self against the s: John Pratt
& Upon the Plea a: & the same Day & Place the Sheriff to it Rich: Lee Gent makes Return of
the above recited writt of Attachment to the Justices aforementioned in these Words following viz:
Prince Georges County ss: March y: 2: 1729/30 Wee Certify to the Justices of the a: County that Virtue
of the within Writt I have Attached & the Goods Chattles rights & Credits of the within Named John Pratt
in the hands of the Persons following of Wm: Pratt a parcel of Lombar amounting to Seaven pounds
Eight Shillings Current money & one Negro woman called Flory & one Negro Boy called Bomi in
the hands aforesd: in the hands of the Revd: George Murdock for twenty Nine pounds Currency &
Further Certify to the s: Justices that I have made known to the said Persons aforesd: before: John
Smith Esqr: & Groce Semoline good & Lawful Men of my Bailywick that they be & appear
before the Justices aforesd: to Show Cause if any they have why the Effects so Attached Should not
be Condemned According to Law for the use of the Plaintiff within Mentioned as by the within writt
I am Commanded & answer Rich: Lee Sheriff

Whereupon the s: William Hunt by his Att: y: a: Prays condemnation & Execution of the
Premises soe as a: of the Effects of the s: John Pratt in the hands of the s: Wm: Pratt Attached to
him to be Adjudged.

And the s: Wm: Pratt by Rich: Frances his Att: y comes & Prays Licence of the Court here to
Imparle here until the next County Court to be holden at the Town a: on the fourth Tuesday in June
Next & he hath it & Same Day is given the s: Wm: Hunt there & at which Day to wit the fourth
Tuesday in June a: come here at the Town aforesd: before the Justices of the Court here as well
the s: Eleanor Pratt as the s: William Hunt by their Att: y a: the s: Wm: Pratt by his Att: y a:
Pray further Licence of the Court here to Imparle here until the Next County Court to
be holden at the Town a: on the fourth Tuesday in August next & he has it & the Same Day
is given the s: William Hunt there & at which Day to wit the fourth Tuesday in August a:
Come here at the Town a: before the Justices of the Court there as well the s: Eleanor Pratt
as the s: Will: Hunt by their Att: y a: the s: William Hunt by his Att: y aforesd: as before Pray
Condemnation & Execution of the Premises soe as aforesd: of the Effects of the s: John Pratt in
the hands of the s: Wm: Pratt Attached to him to be Adjudged.

And the s: Wm: Pratt by her Att: y a: comes & Says that the a: William Hunt condemnation
of the Premises in the return of the Writt of Attachment a: mentioned in her hands ought not to
have because she saith that on the Day of making the above Attachment in her hands
she had not nor ever Since hath had any of the Goods Chattles or Credits of the s: John
Pratt & this She is ready to Verify & therefore Prays Judgment if the s: Wm: Hunt Condem:
of the Premises in her hands to have ought &c

And the s: Will: Hunt by his Att: y a: says that he by Any thing Pr all lodged by the s: Wm:
Pratt from having Condemnation of the Premises in the hands of the s: Wm: Pratt ought not to
be Precluded because he Says that She the s: Wm: Pratt on the Day of making the above
Attachment in her hands to wit the Second Day of March Anno Domini Seventeen hund:
Thirty Nine had in her hands & the Effects of the s: John Pratt to the Value of the money
& Tobacco in the Attachment aforementioned to wit at Prince Georges County a: & this he
Prays may be may be Inquired of by the Country.

And the said Wm: Pratt likewise.

It is therefore Commanded the Sheriff a: to wit Rich: Lee Gent that he Cause to Come here
at the Town a: Immediately this Day to wit the Fourth Tuesday in August a: twelve &
by whom & who neither & to Recognize & because as well & the Same Day is
(further)

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Further given to the Parties a: here & now this Day to wit the fourth Tuesday in August a: come
here again at the Town a: before the Justices last a: & the said Wm: William Hunt as the s: Wm: Pratt
by their Att: y a: & the Jurors thereon Impannelled being Called namely Joseph Newton, William
Webster, Ninian Sanyhill, Will: m Beall Jun: r John Somervell, Mathew Markland, John Harden,
Tho: s Charton, Thomas Worthington, Joseph Ray, Paul Talbot & Ninian Wilcoks. Likewise come who
to Say the truth in the Premises being Elected Tryed & Sworn do say upon their Oath that they
find for the pl: ff find Effects to the Value in the return of Attachment.

Whereupon Thos: Will: m Hunt by his Att: y a: Prays Judgment upon the Verdict a: for him
to be given.

And the s: Wm: Pratt by her Att: y a: Says that Judgment upon the Verdict a: for the said
William Hunt by the Court here to be given ought not & alledges the following reasons viz:
1st Because the return of the Sheriff on the Attachment is uncertain as to the Goods Attached.
2d because the Verdict is uncertain upon which the Court cannot give Judgment for the
Plaintiff.

And because the Justices of the Court here will Advise of & upon the Premises before
Judgment thereupon they render day thereof is further given the s: Wm: Pratt & William
Hunt here until the Next County Court to be holden at the Town a: on the fourth Tuesday in
November Next for hearing their Judgment & upon the Premises for that the same Justi-
ces here thereof are not yet & At which Day to wit the fourth Tuesday in November a:
come here at the Town a: before the Justices of the Court here the a: Wm: Pratt & William
Hunt by their Attorneys aforesd: & because the Justices of the Court here will further
Advise of & upon the Premises before Judgment thereupon they render Day thereof
is further given the s: Wm: Pratt & William Hunt here until the Next County Court to be holden
at the Town a: on the fourth Tuesday in March Next for hearing their Judgment of & Upon the Premises for that the same Justices here thereof are not yet & At which day to wit the fourth Tuesday in March a: come here at the Town a: before the Justices of the Court here the a: Wm: Pratt & Will: m Hunt by their Att: y a: whereupon the Premises being Seen & by the Justices here fully understood for that it seemeth to the same Justices that the reasons above alledged by the s: Wm: Pratt in arrest of Judgment are Insufficient &

March the 27th 1735 It is Considered by the Court here that the s: William Hunt have
Condemnation of the a: twenty one pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eight Pence in the Attachm:
above mentioned & the Effects of the s: John Pratt in the hands of the s: Wm: Pratt with Dama-
tion thereof by Good pledges & Security in the same Court According to the form of the
Act of Assembly in Such cases late made & provided to be Sued to restore to the same
John Pratt the a: twenty one Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eight Pence & the s: John Pratt
at Any time within a Year & Day to be Computed from the time of the Issuing of the
Attachment above recited Shall come & Discompt the Demand of the s: Will: m Hunt in
the Attachment above Contained by the Court here Adjudged Awarding to the Act of
Assembly above mentioned it is also Considered by the Court here that the s: William Hunt
Recover Against the s: Wm: Pratt one thousand & twenty eight Pounds of Tobacco for
his Costs & Charges by him about his Suit in this Part laid out & expended by Discretion
of the Justices here to the same William Hunt & his Assent Adjudged & the s: Wm: Pratt in
Mercy &c And the s: Will: m Hunt & forwards to wit the Seventh Day of March

(&c)