and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. held for Dorchester County at Cambridge in the said County the Second Tuesday in November Anno Dominj Seventeen Hundred forty and Eight before the same Lord Propry his Justices the Peace in the County afs. to Conserve Assigned of whom were Present

The Worshipfull
Major Thomas Newett
Doctr. William Murray
Col. Joseph Emmalls
Capt. John Eccleston
Capt. Henry Traverse
Mr. Benjamin Keene
Mr. John Jones
Capt. Chas. Dickinson
Mr. Thos. Foster
Capt. Barth. Emmalls
Capt. Levin Hicks
Mr. Isaac Nicolls
and
Mr. William Clarkson
Justices

Col. Emmalls Hooper Shff. John Caile Clerk.

Lee } Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County that he should
Ellegood } take William Ellegood late of Dorchester County Planter if he should be found in his Bailywick and him in his Custody safe keep so that he should have his Body before the Justices of Dorchester County at Cambridge in the said County the Second Tuesday in November Anno Dominj Seventeen Hundred forty and Seven to Answer unto Francis Lee of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. and that he should have then there that Writ

At which Day there came the afs. Francis by William Goldsborough his Atty and the Sheriff of the County afs. returned that he had taken the afs. William and him had ready at the day and Place afs. according to the Exigence of the Writ afs. whereupon the afs. Francis by his Attorney afs. Declared against the afs. William in the Plea afs. in manner and form following Viz. Dorchester County ss. William Ellegood late of Dorchester County Planter was Attached to Answer unto Francis Lee of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. And Whereupon the same Francis by William Goldsborough his Attorney Complaineth that Whereas a certain Robert Beal the tenth day of September which was in the Year of our Lord God seventeen Hundred and forty four at Dorchester County afs. (the same Robert then and there Negotiating and Commerce using) according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants from time whereof the Memory of Man is not to the Contrary in such Case used and approved did make his certain first Bill of Exchange in Writing bearing date the same Day and Year and the same Bill of Exchange with his proper Name and Hand then and there did Subscribe and that Bill unto a certain Capt. William Lorance in Lemon Street Goodmansfield London (the same William then and yet Negotiating and Commerce using to wit at London in Dorchester County afs.) did Direct and by the same Bill of Exchange did require the same William Lorance at forty days sight of that his said first Bill of Exchange to Pay unto the Order of a certain Mr. John Kilbee (the same John then and yet Negotiating and Commerce using to wit at Dorchester County afs.) fifty Pounds Sterling for Value Received of him and place the same to the Account of him the same Robert and afterwards to wit the same tenth day of September in the Year afs. at Dorchester County afs. the same fifty Pounds Sterling or any part thereof in the same first Bill of

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Exchange mentioned in no sort Paid or Satisfyed being the same John (then and there Negotiating and Commerce using) according to the use and Custom of Merchants by an Indorsement upon the same Bill made and with the proper Hand of the same John Subscribed did Order the Contents of the same Bill to be Paid unto the said William Ellegood the same William then and yet Negotiating and Commerce using to wit at Dorchester County afs. or his Order for Value received and afterwards to wit the Eleventh day of September in the Year afs. at Dorchester County afs. the same fifty Pounds Sterling in the same first Bill of Exchange mentioned or any part thereof in no sort Paid or Satisfyed being the same William Ellegood (then and there Negotiating and Commerce using) according to the Use and Custom of Merchants by an Indorsement upon the same first Bill made and with the Proper Hand of the same William Ellegood Subscribed did Order the Contents of the same Bill to be Paid unto the afs. Francis (the same Francis then and yet Negotiating and Commerce using to wit at Dorchester County afs.) or his Order for value received and afterward to wit the first day of August in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and forty five at London afs. in Dorchester County afs. the afs. first Bill of Exchange with the Indorsements afs. thereon made unto the afs. Capt. William Lorance was shewn and the same William Lorance then and there was required to Accept the said first Bill of Exchange according to the use and Custom of Merchants from all the time afs. used and approved and to make Payment of the afs. fifty Pounds Sterling unto the afs. Francis Lee according to the form and Effect of the Endorsement afs. by the Same William Ellegood in form afs. upon the same Bill made (the afs. William Lorance before that time there having forty days sight of the said first Bill of Exchange with Endorsements afs. thereon the same being Presented to the same William Lorance forty days before that time there and the time Limitted for Payment of the said first Bill of Exchange since its first Presentation being expired) but the same Wm. Lorance the afs. fifty Pounds Sterling in the same Bill of Exchange Specifyed unto the same Francis Lee according to the form of the same Bill and the Indorsements thereon made hath not Paid By Reason whereof the same Bill of Exchange then and there according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants in that part from all the time afs. used and approved in due form in Writing was Protested for want of Payment of the said Fifty Pounds Sterling in the Same Bill of Exchange Specifyed of all which Premises the same Francis Lee afterwards to wit the day of in the Year of our Lord God seventeen hundred and forty at Dorchester County afs. unto the afs. William Ellegood give Notice by the Protest of which Premises the afs. William Ellegood according to the use and Custom of Merchants from the whole time afs. used and approved become and was liable and Chargeable to Pay unto the said Francis Lee the afs. Fifty Pounds Sterling in the same Bill of Exchange mentioned with all the Lawfull Damages Costs and Interest by the said Francis Lee suffered and Sustained by Occasion of the Nonpayment of the Contents thereof to the said Francis Lee or Order and thereupon the said William Ellegood afterward to wit the same day and Year last mentioned at the County afs. in Consideration of the Premises upon himself did Assume and unto the same Francis Lee then and there faithfully

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