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At a County Court of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and Propry of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c held for Talbot County at the Court House near Peter his Bridge in the County aforesaid the first Tuesday in March Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred and forty nine before the same Lord Propry his Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid of whom were

Present

The Worshipfull { Mr. Thomas Bozman, Mr. Bryden Bozman, Mr. Perry Benson, Mr. Matt. Tilghman, Mr. James Edge } Justices
{ Mr. Thomas Peter, Mr. Jere. Nicols, Mr. Robt. Goldsborough, Mr. Jacob Kindman, Mr. Fruitham Thomas } Justices

William Thomas Sheriff

Jacob Bromwell } Talbot County ss. Command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County
Anthony Lecompte } the fourteenth day of March Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred and forty eight that he should take Anthony Lecompte late of Talbot County Planter if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he should have his Body before the Justices of Talbot County at the Court House near Peters his Bridge in the County aforesaid the first Tuesday in June then next to answer unto Jacob Bromwell of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c., Whereupon the said Sheriff to the Court then made return of the same Writ Indorsed with these Words following to wit Cepi Corpus. Wm Thomas Sher:

And the aforesaid Anthony in his Proper Person came and defended the Force and Injury when &c. and prayed Liberty of Imparling thereof until the first Tuesday in August then next and he had it &c. the same day was given to the same Jacob here &c.

At which day came as well the aforesaid Jacob by William Goldsborough his Attorney as the aforesaid Anthony in his Proper Person and the aforesaid Anthony prayed further Liberty of Imparling thereof until the first Tuesday in November then next and he had it &c. the same day was given to the said Jacob here &c.

At which day came as well the aforesaid Jacob as the aforesaid Anthony and the aforesaid Anthony prayed further Liberty of Imparling thereof until the first Tuesday in March then next and he had it &c. the same day was given to the said Jacob here &c.

At which day comes as well the aforesaid Jacob as the aforesaid Anthony and the aforesaid Jacob by his Attorney aforesaid Openeth himself in the Plea aforesaid against the same Anthony and Complaineth in manner and form following (viz.)

Talbot County ss. Anthony Lecompte late of Talbot County Planter was attached to answer unto Jacob Bromwell of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c.

And Whereupon the same Jacob by William Goldsborough his Attorney Complaineth that the aforesaid Anthony minding and wickedly Intending him the said Jacob most unjustly to grieve Oppress Impoverish and Injure without any reasonable Cause and of his Malice forethought at another time to wit at a Court of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and Propry. of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c held for Talbot County at the Court House near Peters his Bridge in the County aforesaid the first Tuesday in June Anno Dom. One Thousand Seven hundred and forty eight before the Worshipfull Mr. Thomas Bozman and his Associates then the said Lord Propry. his Justices of the same County Court the Peace in the same County to keep and also divers Felonys Trespasses and other Malefeasances in the same County Perpetrated to hear and determine Assigned being a certain Bill of Indictment in the said Court of the said

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Lord Propry. against the aforesaid Jacob by the Name of Jacob Bromwell late of St. Peters Parish in the County aforesaid Inholder Containing in it these following false matter to wit that he the aforesaid Jacob the Seventh Day of June Anno Dom. One Thousand Seven hundred and forty eight at the Parish and County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of that Court in and upon the aforesaid Anthony Lecompte in the Peace of God and of the said Lord Propry. then and there being with Force and Arms an Assault did make and the same Anthony then and there did beat wound and evilly Treat and other harms to him then and there did to the great damage of the same Anthony and contrary to the Peace of the said Lord Propry. his good rule and Government &c. falsely and Maliciously to be exhibited and by the Grand Jurors for the Body of the same County then and there Sworn Charged to enquire for the said Lord Propry. and the Body of the said County to be found did Present and to be Prosecuted did Cause Whereas in Truth and in fact the same Jacob Bromwell was in no sort Guilty of the Premises in the Indictment above Specified, and thereupon the same Jacob Bromwell appeared before the Justices aforesaid of the same Court then and immediately being asked how he of the Premises above upon him Imposed would be Acquitted he said that he was not thereof Guilty and thereof good and evil did put himself upon the Country &c. and James Tilghman Gent. who for the said Lord Propry. who for the said Lord Propry. in that part followed likewise &c. And further Day was given to the aforesaid Jacob to wit until the first Tuesday in August then next &c. At which Day came the aforesaid Jacob and further Day was given to the aforesaid Jacob to wit until the first Tuesday in March then next At which Day the aforesaid Jacob did come Whereupon to try the Issue aforesaid it was Commanded to the Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid that he should cause to come here before the Justices immediately Twelve &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. because as well &c. and thereupon the Jurors of that Jury whereof mention is made above being called Certain of them to wit Robert Goldsborough, Edward Oldham, Peter Denny, Thomas Martin jun. Tedeman Rolle Abednego Botfield, Richard Gibson, Woolman Gibson, Meshack Botfield and William Trippe came and in that Jury were Sworn and because the residue of the Jurors of the same Jury did not appear therefore others of the standers by, by the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to that were Elected and at the request of the said James Tilghman and by Command of the Justices aforesaid were appointed whose Names to the Panel above mentioned were Affixed according to the form of the Statute in such Case set forth and Provided which same Jurors so of new appointed to wit Samuel Hemment & Thomas Loveday being called likewise did come who to say the Truth of and upon the Premises aforesaid together with the other Jurors first Impannelled and Sworn being Elected Tryed and Sworn upon their Oath did say that the aforesaid Jacob of the Assault and Battery aforesaid in the Indictment aforesaid above Specified was not Guilty in manner and form as the aforesaid Jacob for himself above by Pleading had Alledged (which same Iniet was afterwards rendered afterwards to wit on the same first Tuesday in March Anno Dom. One Thousand Seven hundred and forty eight aforesaid in the same County Court before the same Justices in due manner was Affixed of Record thereof in the same Court being may fully appear) Whereupon all and singular the Premises by the Court there being seen and fully understood it was Considered by the same Court that the aforesaid Jacob should be Quiet and go thereof without Day &c. By Protext of which Premises the same Jacob in his defence in this part divers great Sums of Tobacco and Money to expend and divers Troubles and Vexations to undergo was Obliged and Compelled and in doing divers of his Lawfull Businesses and Affairs was greatly hindred wherefore he the same Jacob saith he is the worse and Damage hath to the Value of five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and twenty Pounds Current Money of Maryland and therefore he bringeth this Suit &c.

Pledges &c. John Doe & Richd. Roe

(And)