his Costs and Charges by him about his Defence in this behalf laid out and expended and toward thereof his Execution &c. Test. R Burgess Clk

Pl. D. D. Thomas Sookright Lessee of Richard Tilghman Esqr
v.
Ejt. Dft. William Hopper

Maryland ss. William Hopper late of Queen Anne's County Planter was attached to answer unto Thomas Sookright of a Plea wherefore with force and arms into all that Tract and Parcell of Plantable Land called Earles Beginning lying being in Queen Anne's County aforesd containing five hundred and seventeen Acres of Plantable Land with the Appurtenances in the County aforesd which Richard Tilghman Esqr to the said Thomas demised for a Term which is not yet past to the said William did enter and him the said Thomas from his farm aforesd did eject and other Harms to him the said Thomas did to the Great damage of the said Thomas and against the Peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is &c.

And Whereupon the said Thomas by James Tilghman his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesd Richard Tilghman Esqr the first day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty one at the County aforesd had demised unto him the said Thomas the aforesd Tract and Parcell of Land called Earles Beginning containing five hundred and Seventeen Acres with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging in the County aforesd To have and to occupy the said Land with the Appurtenances to him the said Thomas and his Assigns from the last day of August then last past until the full end and Term of Seven years then next following fully to be Compleat and ended By virtue of which said Demise the said Thomas into the Land aforesd with the Appurtenances entered and was thereof Possessed and the said Thomas so thereof being Possessed the aforesd William afterwards to wit the Second day of September aforesd in the year aforesd which the said Richard Tilghman Esqr to the said Thomas in form aforesd had demised for the Term aforesd which is not yet past entered and him the said Thomas from his farm aforesd did eject and other Harms to the said Thomas then and there did to the Great damage of the said Thomas and against the Peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is &c. Wherefore the said Thomas saith that he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of Four hundred Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings Suit &c.

Pledges &c. John Doe
Wm. Roe.

And the aforesd William Hopper by Stephen Bordley his Attorney comes and Defends the force and Injury when &c. and takes Defence according to his Protestations as they shall appear to Bail Court on the Return of a Warrant of Attorney to be Issued in this Cause and enters into the Common Rule and Prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 19th day of September Anno Dom 1752 Come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesd and the said Defendant by his said Attorney Prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th day of April Anno Dom 1753 Come again as well the said Thomas Sookright Lessee of the said Richard Tilghman Esqr by his Attorney aforesd as the aforesd William Hopper by his Attorney aforesd And the said William Hopper by his said Attorney as before Defends the force and Injury when &c. and says that he is in no sort guilty of the Trespass and Ejectment aforesd in manner and form as the aforesd Thomas Sookright Lessee of the said Richard Tilghman Esqr above against him hath complained and of this Puts himself upon the Country and the Plaintiff also

Whereupon for Trying the Issue aforesd Command is given to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County that he Immediately cause to come here Twelve good and lawful men of his Bailiwick by whom &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. because as well &c. of which said Precept the said Sheriff to wit Nathan Hammond Esqr hath made return thereof that he has here ready two &c. as by his said Precept he was Commanded to wit Nicholas Goldsborough, Edward Smoot, James Dunn, Archibald Johnston, John Elson, William Cooksey, Daniel Morris, John Davis, Thomas Jones, Lowther Dashiell, John Addams and John Cannon Junr. who being duly Elected Tryed and Sworn to say the Truth in the Premisses upon their Oath do say that the said William Hopper is Guilty of the Trespass and Ejectment aforesd so as the aforesd Thomas Sookright Lessee of the said Richard Tilghman Esqr above against him hath Declared

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here that the said Thomas Sookright Lessee of the said Richard Tilghman Esqr Recover against the said William Hopper his Term aforesd yet to come and one Moiety of him and unto the aforesd Tract and Parcell of Plantable Land called Earles Beginning lying and being in Queen Anne's County aforesd containing five hundred and seventeen Acres, and that he have thereof his Possession against the said William Hopper And it is also Considered that the said Richard Tilghman Esqr Lessee of the said Thomas Sookright Recover against the said William Hopper the Sum of

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Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his

(Agreed)