the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid to whom the same Writ was Directed to writ David McCulloh Gentleman and maketh return to the Court here that he hath taken the Body of the aforesaid Charles Ridgely and hath him here ready to Answer unto the aforesaid William Black of the Plea aforesaid as by the Precept aforesaid he was Commanded —

And Whereupon the said William by Hugh Buchanan his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Charles on the third Day of March in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty five at Baltimore County aforesaid was indebted unto him the said William in the Sum of Eighty pounds and one Penny Sterling for Sundry Matters properly chargeable in Account as by a particular Account thereof herewith into Court brought may appear and being so thereof indebted the aforesaid Charles afterwards to wit on the Day and Year aforesaid at Baltimore County aforesaid in Consideration thereof upon himself Assumed and to the said William then and there faithfully promised that he the said Charles the aforesaid Sum of Money to him the said William when afterwards he should be thereunto required would well and truly content and pay Nevertheless the aforesaid Charles his Promise and Assumption aforesaid so as aforesaid made not regarding but intending and fraudulently intending him the said William in this behalf Craftily and Subtilly to deceive and defraud the aforesaid Sum of Money or any part thereof to him the said William hath not contented or paid (altho' it to do the aforesaid Charles was afterwards to wit on the Day and Year aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aforesaid by the said William requested) but the same or any part thereof to Content or pay he hath hitherto altogether Refused and Still doth refuse to the Damage of him the said William Thirty Pounds Sterling and therefore he brings Suit &c. Pledges of prosecuting are John Doe and Richard Roe.

And the aforesaid William Black now to the Court here Sheweth the Account abovementioned which is contained in the Words and Figures following to wit —

Dr. Mr. Charles Ridgely. Patapsco. his Accot Current. Cr.

1746 June 27.	To Ballance last Account then Sent	88.10.8	1748 January 26.	By Jasur.s on the Marshall so far as Recovered L2.9.2 Pd and is for your 10 Hdds	24.17.6	
May 20. 1748	To your Exchange to James Dick	32.13.4				
	To Ditto to John Pace	25.—.—				
	To Ditto to Darby Sue	10.—.—				
August 8.	To Ditto William Young	5.15.—	Febry 28.	By Proceeds 71 Hhds Tobacco of the Delight	59.5.3	
Sept.r 10.	To Protest Robert Whitehead's Exchange	—.4.3		Ballance due William Black & Accot Sent	141.16.1	
Nov.r 5.	To your Exchange Charles Lannan	20.—.—				
	To Ditto Joseph Hitt	29.3.10				
	To Ditto William Young	12.8.2				
	To Ditto Robert Neith	8.4.—				
		L225.18.10			L225.18.10	

1748/9 Febry 28.	To Ballance the above Accot then Sent	141.16.1	1749 Nov.r 10.	By Proceeds 15 Hhds Tob.o of the Winchester	31.12.2
1749 August 22.	To Goods Shipt you in the Prudence	1.—.—		Ballance due to William Black & Accot Sent	116.3.11
	To your Exchange to Lord Baltimore	5.—.—			
		147.16.1			147.16.1
Nov.r 10.	To Ballance the above Account then Sent	116.3.11	1752 March 2.	By Proceeds 7 Hhds Tob.o of the Rapture	36.3.10
			1752 March 2.	By Ballance due to William Black & Accot Sent	80.—.1
		L116.3.11			116.3.11
1754 March 4.	To Ballance the above Accot then Sent	80.—.1	1755.	Ballance due to William Black	80.—.1

And now here at this Day to wit the same first Tuesday of August Seventeen hundred and fifty (eight)

eight cometh the aforesaid Charles Ridgely by Edward Dorsey his Attorney and defendeth the force and Injury when and &c. and prayeth Leave to Imparle unto the Declaration aforesaid here until the first Tuesday of November next and he hath it and the same Day is given to the said William Black here and so forth —

At which said first Tuesday of November until which Day the aforesaid Charles Ridgely had Leave to the Declaration aforesaid to Imparle cometh here again as well the aforesaid William Black by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Charles Ridgely by his Attorney aforesaid And thereupon the said Charles Ridgely by his said Attorney prayeth further Leave to Imparle thereunto here until the first Tuesday of March next and he hath it and the same Day is given to the said William Black here and so forth —

At which said first Tuesday of March cometh here again as well the aforesaid William Black by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Charles Ridgely by his Attorney aforesaid And thereupon the said Charles Ridgely by his said Attorney prayeth further Leave to Imparle thereunto here until the first Tuesday of June and he hath it and the same Day is given to the said William Black here and so forth —

At which said first Tuesday of June cometh here again as well the aforesaid William Black by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Charles Ridgely by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Charles Ridgely by his said Attorney as before defends the force and Injury when and &c. and saith that he did not Assume upon himself in manner and form as the said William Black above thereof against him hath Complained and therefore he puts himself upon the Country and the said William Black in like manner and &c. And thereupon by the Assent of the Parties aforesaid Day is given to the said Parties in the Plea aforesaid here until the first Tuesday of August next. At which said first Tuesday of August cometh here again as well the aforesaid William Black by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Charles Ridgely by his Attorney aforesaid And thereupon the said William Black by his Attorney aforesaid now produceth and Sheweth to the Court here the Lord Proprietary's Writ of Levi facias contained in the Words and Figures following to wit —

Maryland ss. Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Justices and Clerk of Baltimore County Greeting We being willing for certain causes to be certified of the Record and Proceedings of a certain Action before you depending between William Black Plaintiff and Charles Ridgely Defendant of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case We command you that the Record and Proceedings in the Action aforesaid with all Things thereunto relating as fully as before you it remains by whatsoever Names the Parties in the same are distinguished to our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the Second Tuesday of September next under your Hand and Seals you send together with this Writ that our same Justices may further do therein that which of Right they see ought to be done Witness John Brice Esquire Chief Justice of our said Provincial Court the 18th Day of July in the 9th Year of our Dominion &c. Annoq. Domini 1759 —

Issued July 19th 1759 — (L. Buchanan) Reverdy Ghiselin Clk

Allowed per Geo: Stewart Test. B Bordley Cl.

Baltimore County to wit.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is the Tenor of the Proceedings in the Plea aforesaid Enrolled in Baltimore County Court aforesaid the Seal of the same Court is hereto affixed this Seventeenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred and fifty nine &c.

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