1366 Lord Propietary (at the request of John Gleaves Guardian) of Mary Davis against Thomas Covington &c &c } Kent County fs. Thomas Covington late of Kent County Planter son and Heir at Law of Jeremiah Covington late of the said County (deceased otherwise lately called Jeremiah Covington of said County Planter was summoned to answer unto The Right Honourable Frederick Lord and Propietary of the Province of Maryland in a plea that he render unto him the sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth And Whereupon Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General of the Right Honourable the Lord Propietary that now is who for the same Lord Propietary prosecuteth saith that whereas the aforesaid Jeremiah Covington in his Life Time on the second Day of March in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty at Kent County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory had granted himself and his Heirs to be held and firmly bound unto the then Right Honourable the Lord Propietary of this Province deceased in the aforesaid full and Just sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said Lord Propietary his Heirs and Successors when thereunto afterwards he should be required Nevertheless the aforesaid Jeremiah in his Life Time and the said Thomas his Son and Heir after the Death of the said Jeremiah altho often required the aforesaid sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling Money unto the said late Lord Propietary in his Life Time or to the Right Honourable the Lord Propietary that now is since the Death of the late Lord Propietary or to either of them yet hath not rendered but that unto the said late Lord Propietary in his Life Time or to the Right Honourable the Lord Propietary that now is to render the said Jeremiah in his Life Time and the aforesaid Thomas his Son and Heir after the Death of the said Jeremiah hitherto altogether hath refused and the same unto the Lord Propietary that now is to render the said Thomas still doth refuse to the Damage of the same Lord Propietary that now is five hundred pounds Sterling Money And Whereupon the said Attorney General of the said Lord Propietary brings suit and so forth and also he brings hereinto Court the Writing Obligatory aforesaid with the Seal of the aforesaid Jeremiah in his Life Time Sealed which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Testifies whose Date is the Day and Year aforesaid and so forth.

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And now here at this Day to wit the 13th Day of April Anno Domini 1762 the said Thomas Covington by Stephen Bordley junior his Attorney comes and defends the Force and Injury when and so forth and prays Leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it the same Day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General of the Lord Propietary who &c also

At which said next Court to wit the 14th Day of September Anno Domini 1762 comes again as well the said Stephen Bordley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General who &c as the said Thomas Covington by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Thomas Covington by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it the same Day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General who &c also

At which said next Court to wit the 12th Day of April Anno Domini 1763 comes again as well the said Stephen Bordley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General who &c as the said Thomas Covington by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Thomas Covington by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it the same Day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General who &c also

At which said next Court to wit the 13th Day of September Anno Domini 1763 Comes again as well the said Stephen Bordley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General who &c as the said Thomas Covington by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Thomas Covington by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it the same Day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General who &c also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th Day of April Anno Domini 1764 Comes here as well Edmund Key Esquire Attorney General of the Lord Propietary that now is who for the same Lord Propietary prosecuteth as the said Thomas Covington by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Thomas Covington by his said Attorney (as before) defends the Force and Injury when and so forth and prays Judgment of the Declaration aforesaid of the said Lord Propietary because he says that the said Declaration and the matter in the same contained are not sufficient in Law to maintain the Action of the same Lord Propietary against him the said Thomas To which said Declaration he hath no need nor by the Law of the Land is he bound to Answer And this he is ready to verify wherefore for want of a sufficient Declaration of the said Lord Propietary in this Behalf the said Thomas prays Judgment of

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