No 97 Leonard Mitchell against Charles Clements } Maryland ss. Charles Clements (son of Jacob) late of Charles County planter was attached to answer unto Leonard Mitchell in a plea wherefore with force and Arms and so forth he the said Charles upon him the said Leonard at the County aforesaid an Assault did make and him the said Leonard did beat wound and evilly treat so that of his Life it was despaired and other Harms to him the said Leonard did to the great Damage of him the said Leonard and against the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is his good Rule and Government and so forth And Whereupon the said Leonard by John Hall his Attorney complains that the aforesaid Charles on the ninth Day of November seventeen hundred and sixty one at Charles County aforesaid with Force and Arms to wit with Swords Cudgels Sticks and Knives upon him the said Leonard an Assault did make and him the said Leonard then and there did beat wound and evilly treat so that of his Life it was greatly despaired and other Harms to him the said Leonard then and there did to the great damage of him the said Leonard and against the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is his good Rule and Government wherefore the said Leonard saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the Value of Fifty Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings Suit and so forth

Pledges and so forth John Doe & Richard Roe

And now here at this Day to wit the 13th Day of April Anno Domini 1762 the said Charles Clements by Thomas Clark 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 the plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 14th Day of September Anno Domini 1762 Come again the said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also

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At which said next Court to wit the 12th Day of April Anno Domini 1763 Come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 13 Day of September Anno Domini 1763 Come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid And the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th Day of April Anno Domini 1764 Comes again as well the said Leonard Mitchell by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Charles Clements by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Charles Clements by his said Attorney (as before) defends the Force and Injury when and so forth and says that he is not Guilty of the Trespass and Assault aforesaid as the aforesaid Leonard Mitchell above against him complains and of this he puts himself upon the Country and so forth and the aforesaid Leonard in like manner

And the aforesaid Charles by the leave of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided further defends the Force and injury when and so forth and as to the coming with Force and Arms or any other matter against the peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is by him the said Leonard in the Declaration aforesaid above supposed to be done the aforesaid Charles saith that he is not thereof Guilty and thereof he puts himself upon the Country and the aforesaid Leonard in like manner

And as to the residue of the Trespass and Assault aforesaid above supposed to be done the aforesaid Charles Clements saith that the aforesaid Leonard his Action aforesaid therefore against him to have or maintain ought not and so forth because he saith that the aforesaid Leonard on the Day and Year aforesaid in the Declaration aforesaid of him the said Leonard above specified at Charles County aforesaid with Force and Arms upon him the said Charles an Assault did make and him the said Charles would then and there have beaten wounded and evilly treated unless the said Charles himself against the said Leonard had then and there speedily defended as for him it was lawful And so the said Charles saith that the evil and damage if any did then and there happen to the said Leonard was from the proper Assault of him the said Leonard and in defence of him the said Charles and this he is ready to verify whereupon he prays Judgment of the said Leonard

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