In and for the County aforesaid on the second Tuesday of November being the
Ninth day of the same Month in the twelfth year of the Dominion of the Right
Honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth and in the year of our Lord Christ
One thousand seven hundred and sixty two

Were present

The Worshipful { Reverdy Ghiselin Gent Chief Justice
John Ijams, John Weems,
Caleb Dorsey Junior & John Dungan Junior } Gentlemen Justices

Thomas Johns Gent, Sheriff and John Nicolls

In the Records and Proceedings of the said Court among st other things is Entered
as follows Viz.t

George Edwards vs John Nelson { Command was given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he should
take John Nelson late of Ann Arundel County Merchant if
he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe
keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of Ann Arundel County Court to
be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of November then next to Answer unto
George Edwards in a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. and that then & there the said
Sheriff should not fail at this peril

at which said second Tuesday of November to wit the tenth day of the same Month
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty one being the day
of the return of the aforegoing Writ Comes the said George Edwards by John Hall
his attorney and the Sheriff to wit Thomas Johns Gent. to whom the same writ
was directed likewise Comes and makes return thereof to the Court here
thus Endorsed to wit Ceptt Thomas Johns Shff

Whereupon the said John Nelson being called appears and at the prayer of the
by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled that the said John Nelson give Special Bail
to the action aforesaid And thereupon a Certain Samuel Galloway of the County
aforesaid Gent present here in Court undertakes for the said John Nelson that in
Case the said George Edwards shall recover Judgment against the said John
Nelson in the plea aforesaid or that he the said John Nelson shall be thereon
Legally Convict that then he the said John Nelson shall pay the Condemnation
of the Court thereupon or render his Body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann.
County in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said Samuel Galloway will do the
same for him And thereupon at the prayer of the said John Nelson by
Thomas Johnson Junr. his attorney it is ruled that the said George Edwards
give Security for Costs in the plea aforesaid Thereupon the said John Hall attorney
for the said George Edwards undertakes for the said George Edwards that in Case the
said George Edwards shall be nonsuit in the plea aforesaid or otherwise therein
Legally Cast that then he the said George Edwards shall pay to the said
John Nelson all the Costs and Charges which he hath or shall sustain in his
Defence in the plea aforesaid or that he the said John Hall will do the
same for him And thereupon the said George Edwards Declares against
the said John Nelson in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

(Ann)

Ann Arundel County ss. John Nelson late of Ann Arundel County Merchant was
attached to answer unto George Edwards in a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. And
whereupon the said George by John Hall his attorney Complains that whereas the afore-
said John Nelson on the Sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand
hundred and sixty one at Ann Arundel County aforesaid was Indebted unto him the
said George in the Sum of Twenty three pounds Eighteen shillings and four pence Sterling
Money for one Article previously Charged in Account as by a particular Account
thereof therewith into Court brought may appear and being so thereof Indebted the
aforesaid John Nelson afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at Ann
Arundel County aforesaid in Consideration thereof upon himself Assumed and to the
said George then and there faithfully promised that he the said John Nelson the aforesaid
Sum of Money to him the said George when afterwards he should be thereunto required
would well and truly Content and pay Nevertheless the aforesaid John Nelson
his promise and Assumption aforesaid so as aforesaid made not regarding the Integrity
and fraudulently intending him the said George Edwards in this behalf Craftily
and Subtilly to Deceive and Defraud the aforesaid Sum of Money or any part
thereof to him the said George hath not Contented or paid nor thereto do the aforesaid
John Nelson was afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid and often afte-
wards at the County aforesaid by the said George 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 George in the Sum of Forty five pounds
Sterling Money aforesaid And therefore he brings Suit and &c. &c.

Pledges and So forth Johnson & Richardson

The account mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration follows in these words Viz.t

1760 Capt. John Nelson Dr. in Acct with George Edwards Cartwr Cr.

To my Wages on board the Snow Alexander now lying in Choptank River from the 11th day of Nov.r 1760 to the 11th August 1761 being 9 months & 1 Days at £2.10.0 Stg. p.r month . . . . . } 22.18.0

18th August 1761 Came the within named George Edwards before me the Subscriber one
of his Lordships Justices of the peace for Talbot County and made Oath on the Holy Gospels
of Almighty God that the within Account is Just and true as it stands stated and
that he hath not received any part or parcel of the within Acct. any further than
an Account the said John Nelson may have against him the amount of which he
does not Exactly remember to the best of his knowledge Thos. Smyth

And the said John Nelson by his Attorney aforesaid Defends the Force and Injury
when and so forth and prays leave to Imparle thereunto until the next Court and he has it
and the same Day is Given to the Plaintiff also

at which said next Court to wit the ninth day of March Anno Domini One thousand
Seven hundred and sixty two 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 thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is
Given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the Eighth day of June Anno Domini One thousand

(Seven)