Doct. Henry Stevenson against Luther Martin

Be it remembered that on the fifteenth day of November in this same Term to wit, October Term Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty seven Henry Stevenson comes here into our General Court by Samuel Chase his attorney and exhibits to the judges of the Court here his certain Bill against Luther Martin Gentleman one of the Attornies of the Court, present here in Court in his proper person of a plea of trespass on the Case, which said Bill followeth in these words, to wit.

Maryland, ss. Baltimore County, to wit. To the Honourable Judges of the General Court for the Western shore of the State of Maryland, Henry Stevenson by Samuel Chase his Attorney complains of Luther Martin Gentleman one of the Attornies of the said Court present here in Court in his proper person for, that whereas the said Luther Martin on the day of in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight at Baltimore County aforesaid was indebted to the said Henry Stevenson in the sum of two thousand one hundred and fifty pounds current money, for the like sum of money of the aforesaid Henry Stevenson and for his use by the said Luther Martin before that time had and received and being so thereof indebted the aforesaid Luther Martin in consideration thereof afterwards to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon himself assumed and to the said Henry Stevenson then and there faithfully promised that he the aforesaid Luther Martin the aforesaid sum of two thousand one hundred and fifty pounds current money to him the said Henry Stevenson when afterwards he should be thereunto required would well and truly content and pay. Nevertheless the aforesaid Luther Martin his promise and assumption aforesaid so as aforesaid made not regarding, but minding and fraudulently intending, him the said Henry Stevenson in this behalf craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof to him the said Henry Stevenson hath not contented or paid (altho' so to do the aforesaid Luther Martin afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aforesaid by the said Henry Stevenson was requested) but the same or any part thereof to content or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse To the Damage of him the said Henry Stevenson in sum of three thousand pounds current money and therefore he prays remedy) and so forth.

Samuel Chase for the Plaintiff } John Doe and
Pledges and so forth. } Richard Roe.

And



And the said Luther Martin in his proper person comes and saving and reserving to himself all manner of advantage, exception and allegation of the bill of complaint of him the aforesaid Henry Stevenson exhibited here in Court against him, prayeth an hearing of the same Bill of Complaint and to him it is read in the words following, to wit.

Maryland ss. Baltimore County, to wit. To the honourable Judges of the General Court for the western shore of the State of Maryland, Henry Stevenson by Samuel Chase his attorney complains of Luther Martin a Gentleman one of the Attorneys of the said Court present here in Court, in his proper person for that whereas the said Luther Martin on the day of in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight at Baltimore County aforesaid was indebted to the said Henry Stevenson in the sum of two thousand one hundred and fifty pounds current money for the like sum of money of the aforesaid Henry Stevenson and for his use by the aforesaid Luther Martin before that time had and received And being so thereof indebted the aforesaid Luther Martin in consideration thereof afterwards to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon himself assumed and to the said Henry Stevenson then and there faithfully promised that he the aforesaid Luther Martin the aforesaid sum of two thousand one hundred and fifty pounds current money to him the said Henry Stevenson when afterwards he should be thereunto required would well and truly content and pay, Nevertheless the aforesaid Luther Martin his promise and assumption aforesaid so as aforesaid made not regarding but minding, and fraudulently intending, him the said Henry Stevenson in this behalf craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof to him the said Henry Stevenson hath not contented or paid (altho' so to do the aforesaid Luther Martin afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aforesaid by the said Henry Stevenson was requested, but the same or any part thereof to content or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of him the said Henry Stevenson in the sum of three thousand pounds current money, and therefore he prays remedy &c so forth.

Samuel Chase for the Plaintiff. } John Doe and
Pledges and so forth. } Richard Roe.

Which being read and heard the said Luther Martin in his proper person prays leave of the Court here to Imparle hereunto, until next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the aforesaid Henry Stevenson also.

At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth