otherwise called Nicholas Sporne of Annarundel County Mariner was
summoned to answer unto Thomas Davis & Annoby his wife late Cecil Anne
Gross Daughter to Hester Gross of a plea that he render unto them the sum
of Just Sume of twenty pounds Sterling wch he oweth and from
them Unjustly detaineth &c

Whereupon the said Thomas and Annoby by Wm Blad their attorney
say that whereas the aforesd Nicholas the 9th day of June in the year of our
Lord 1709 at Annarundell County by his certaine writeing obligatory acknowledged
himself to be bridden unto the said Anne by the Name of Anne Gross daughter
to Hester Gross of the said County Spinster in the aforesd Sume of twenty pounds
sterling to be paid unto the said Anne when he thereunto required by the
said Nicholas at the often thereto required the aforesd twenty pounds sterling to the
said Anne whilst single did not render nor to the said Thomas and Anne since
the Espousalls between them had & Celebrated hath not rendred but them so
the said Thomas & Anne hitherto to render hath denyed & still doth deny —
whereupon they say they are worse and have Damage to the value of the twenty
pounds sterling & therefore they bring this suit &c — and they bring into Court
the writeing aforesd with noyse the dell in forme aforesd the date whereof is the day
year aforesd —

Witnesses John Dod & Rob —

And the said Nicholas Sporne by Arnold Hunt his attorney comes &
defends the force & injury when &c & prays the hearing of the said
writeing obligatory & he also prays the hearing of the Condition of the
aforesd writeing obligatory which is read unto him in these words viz: The
Condition of this present obligation is such that if the above bound
Nicholas Sporne his heirs Exors Admrs or assigns shall & doe well & truly pay
or cause to be paid unto the said Anne Gross her heirs Exors Admrs or assigns
the just sume of ten pounds of the like sterling money Goal or upon the
20th day of March next ensueing the date here of that then this present
obligation to be Void & of none effect otherwise to stand & remaine in
full force power & vertue &c

Which being read & heard the said Nicholas Sporne by his attorney aforesd
prays Leave to imparle here unto until next Court & hath it & the
same day is given to the plaintiffs also — at which said next Court to wit the
11th day of July Anno Domi 1710 comes again as well the said Thomas Davis
& Annoby by their attorney aforesd as the said Nicholas Sporne by his attorney
aforesd & the said Nicholas Sporne by his said attorney as before defends the force
and injury when &c and says that he cannot gainsay the plaintiffs
action aforesd so as aforesd brought nor can he say but that the
writeing obligatory aforesd to his act & deed & that the debt therein mentioned is
yet due & unsatisfied wherefore the said plaintiffs pray Judgment for their
debt aforesd & their costs & damages sustained by occasion of detaining
the same debt to them to be adjudged &c — Therefore it is Considered
by the Justices here the day & year last mentioned that the said Thomas Davis
& Annoby recover against the said Nicholas Sporne as well the sume of
twenty pounds sterling their debt aforesd as also their damages
pounds of Tobacco in the Court here
adjudged

adjudged unto them of their assent for their costs & damages sustained by occasion
of detaining of the same debt & the defendant in Mercy &c And the plaintiffs by their
attorney say the Execution of this Judgment till the first of November next —

Mr John Frogg
Affi: Ptt
Richard Lancaster

Maryland ss

Be it remembered that at a court held in Annarundell County July Court 1710 &c
Elsewere at Calapolis Richd Lancaster Merchant was attached —
to answer unto John Frogg Merchant of
a plea of trespass upon the Case &c —

And whereupon the same John Frogg by Thomas Macnemara his
attorney doth complaine that whereas a certaine Solomon Rodey the
19th day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred
& six at Annapolis according to the Customs between Merchants & others of the
province & the City of London in England of old used made & drew his sa
bill of Exchange with his proper hand subscribed bearing date the day & year
aforesd to a certaine Arden Carlton Merchant in London & thereby requested
directed & by the same bill requested the said Arden at twenty days sight of such
bill of Exchange the second third & fourth of the same tenor & date not paid to
pay to the said Richd Lancaster or his order the sume of seven pounds one shilling
& nine pence sterling for value received wch bill afterwards to wit the same day &
year aforesd & before sight thereof had by the same Arden the aforesd Richard according
to the Customs & by his Indorsement in the same proper hand subscribed —
assigned & transferred for certaine Mary Boyd and ordered the aforesd seven
pounds one shilling nine pence sterling to be paid to the said Mary or her order &
Value received of them & the said Mary afterwards to wit the same day year & place
aforesd & before sight thereof assigned & transferred the said bill to the same John Frogg & the said
Arden ordered the said seven pounds one shilling nine pence sterling
to be paid to the said John Frogg or his ordr for value received of him & the said
Mary of all which the said Arden afterwards on the seventh day of May Anno
Domi 1708 at London aforesd to wit in Annarundell County had notice & then and
there was requested to pay the said sume of £7:1:9 sterling to the aforesd John Frogg
and the said John in fact saith that the aforesd Arden after twenty days sight of
said bill of Exchange and notice as aforesd hitherto hath not paid to the same
John or his ordr the aforesd £7:1:9 sterling and that for want of payment of the same
by the said Arden the same John Frogg after the said Arden had twenty days
sight thereof viz: on the seventh day of May Anno 1708 aforesd in London aforesd to
wit in Aldermanbury County protested or caused to be protested the said first bill the
second third & fourth of the same tenor and date not paid according to
the Customs of Merchants aforesd whereof the said Richd the Twentieth day of
October 1709 at Annapolis aforesd had notice and the same John Frogg in
fact saith that the same Mary Boyd at Annarundell County aforesd paid the value
of the said £7:1:9 sterling to the said Richard Lancaster to wit the 19th day of
[illegible] in the year 1708 aforesd and that the same John Frogg paid the value
of the said £7:1:9 sterling to the same Mary Boyd afterwards to wit the day
year