Wit. Richard Bennett } Elsewood and appeared in Octob Court 1709
Eq. of the Hunt } John Lecompte of Dorchester
in } County Plaintiff
The Lecompt ad } County Plaintiff } administr of the goods and Chattels
of the Lecompt } rights & Credits of John Lecompt deceased was
attached to answer unto Richd Bennett Esq of the last
will & testam of John Hunt deceased of a plea of Trespass on

the Case &c

And thereupon on the same Richard by Wornell Hunt his attorney
Complaines that whereas the aforesaid John Lecompt in his Lifetime
the twenty fifth day of July Anno Dom 1704 at the County of
Annarundell aforesaid according to the Customes of Merchants & of Used
made and drew his Second Bill of Exchange under his proper hand
subscribed bearing date the day and yeare aforesaid to Certaine
Jonathan Earth Merchant in London residing and negotiating
directed by the same Bill requested the said Jonathan at
thirty days sight thereof this first third or fourth of the same
Tenour and date not paid to pay to the aforesaid John Hunt in his
Lifetime or his order the sume of fifty Eight pounds Ster for
Value of him received and in Consideracon thereof and of the
Customes aforesaid the aforesaid John Lecompt in his Lifetime on the said twenty
fifth day of July Anno Dom 1704 aforesaid at the County of Anna aforesaid upon
himself assumed and to the said John Hunt in his Lifetime then
there faithfully promised that if the said Jonathan Earth refused to
pay the said second Bill of Exchange the first third & fourth of the same
tenour & date not being paid to the order of the said John Hunt & that
forwarded payment thereof the same second Bill should be protested
that then the said John Lecompt would pay the said sume of fifty Eight
pounds Ster with all the damages Interests and Costs of the Exchange
thereof to the said John Hunt which afterwards in the Lifetime of the said
the said Richard Bennett in fact says that the said Jonathan Earth
the twenty fifth day of July Anno Dom 1706 at the City of London
in England was requested to pay the said sume of fifty Eight pounds Ster
to the order of the said John Hunt — and that afterwards thirty days sight
of the aforesaid second Bill of Exchange on notice or request aforesaid
not paid to the order of the aforesaid John Hunt the said sume of fifty Eight
pounds Ster according to the tenour of the said second Bill and that for
want of payment thereof the aforesaid Richard Bennett Esq as aforesaid after
thirty days sight of said second Bill by the aforesaid Jonathan Earth and on the
twenty fifth day of July Anno Dom 1706 at the City of London aforesaid
protested for & caused to be protested the aforesaid second Bill of Exchange the first
third & fourth of the same tenour & date not being paid according to the
Custom of Merchants aforesaid whereof the said John Lecompt as administrator of
John Lecompt the first day of March Anno Dom 1708 at Dorchester
County aforesaid notice hath well & truly the said John Lecompt in his Life-
time nor the said John the administrator of said John to whom the administration
all the goods & Chattels rights & Credits of the said John were legally
committed since his decease the promise and assumption of said John
in form aforesaid made not regarding but fraudulently intending the

(same)

same John Hunt in his Lifetime & the said Richard since his decease full well & la-
-fully to defraud the aforesaid Plaintiff of the said sum of fifty Eight pounds Ster to the said John Hunt
in his Lifetime or to the said Richard since his decease the said John in his Lifetime
& the said John the administrator since his decease have not paid all this so to do the said
John in his Lifetime and the said John his administrator since his decease were often
requested particularly the said John the said administrator of said John was so to do requested the twenty
fifth day of March Anno Dom 1708 at Dorchester County aforesaid but the same to
have refused & the said John Lecompt administrator so to do still refuse in contempt
of the Kings Testament aforesaid to the damage of the said Richard and
and therefore he brings his suit &c and bringing into Court the Letters
Testamentary of the said John Hunt &c

pledge &c

And the said John Lecompt administrator as aforesaid by his attorney Comes
defends the force & injury when & prays leave to imparle hereunto
Court & it is granted the same day is given to the plaintiff also
attwell said next Court to wit the 11th day of April Anno Dom 1710 Comes
as well the said Richard Bennet Esq plaintiff by his attorney as also the
said John Lecompt administrator of the said John Hunt by his attorney as also the
said John Lecompt administrator as aforesaid by his said attorney at before defendants the force & injury when &
and saith that the said John Lecompt the intestate in the Decl. of the said
Richard Mencomed hath not assumed upon himself in such manner
& forme as the said Richard complaineth and of this he puts himself
upon the Country &c Notwithstanding the said John Lecompt administrator
as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid relinquishing his averment aforesaid
pretended say that the said Richard his action aforesaid against him to have ought
not because he say that he has fully administered all the goods and
which were of the said John Hunt at the time of his Death
in his hands to be administered and that he has not any goods or chattels
of the said John Hunt in his hands to be administered which were of the said John Hunt
at the time of his Death whereof he the said John Lecompt administrator as aforesaid
has made Payment according to the Tenour & effect of the said
Testament & Debts which were of the said John Hunt at the time of
his Death and which to the knowledge of the said John Lecompt administrator

(aforesaid)