pay unto the Said Thomas Gant the summe of Seaven hundred Liber M M Sixty and One pounds of tobacco for his costs and charges in this behalfe laid Out and expended and the Said Thomas Bland in mercy.

James Beamont] John Allen Gent High Sheriff of Charles County otherwise called John Allen of Charles County Merchant was Sumoned to answer unto James John Allen Beaumont of Boston in New-England of a plea that he render unto him twenty eight thousand nine hundred and forty pounds of tobacco which to him he oweth and unjustly deteineth

And whereupon the Said James by Robert Carvile his Attorny Saith that whereas the Said John upon the One and twentith day of July in the yeare of Our Lord 1673 by his certaine bill or writeing Obligatory Sealed with the Seale of him the Said John and here in Court produced whose date is the day and yeare aforesaid did confesse and acknowledge himselfe to owe and Stand indebted unto the Said James Beaumont in the full and just quantity of twenty eight thousand nine hundred and forty pounds of good Sound and merchantable tobacco and caske to conteine the same to be paid to the Said James Beamont his heirs execut^{rs} administrators or certaine Attorny before the tenth day of October next ensueing the date of the Said bill in Some convenient place in the said County Yet notwithstanding the Said John Allen the said Summe of twenty eight thousand nine hundred and forty pounds of tobacco to him the Said James according to the Said writeing Obligatory though thereunto requested hath not hitherto contented or paid but the Same to pay p. 282 hath and Still doth deny and refuse to pay to the damage of him the Said James forty thousand pounds of tobacco and thereupon he bringeth his Suite.

And the Said John by Kenelm Cheseldyn his Attorny cometh and defendeth the force and injury when &c and prayeth liberty of Speakeing hereunto untill the first day of the next Provinciall Court and the Same day is given to both parties.

Att which day to witt the eighth day of December in the three and fortith yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius &c the Said Court was by his Lopps writt of adjournment adjourned untill the next day

Att which day to witt the ninth day of December in the yeare aforesaid came the Said James by Robert Carvile his Attorny and offered himselfe against the Said John in the plea aforesaid but the Said John Allen came not but made default. therefore it is considered by the Court here that the Said James recover against the Said John Allen aswell the said Summe of twenty eight thousand nine hundred and forty pounds of tobacco his debt aforesaid as also the Summe of nine hundred and Seaven pounds of tobacco for his costs