

Therefore it is granted by the Court here that the said Robert Ridgely recover against the said William Russell aswell the summe of two thousand pounds of tobacco the debt aforesaid as also the summe of five hundred thirty Six pounds of tobacco costs of Suite. Liber N N

Thomas Bland & Damoris his wife ag <sup>t</sup> Richard Hill ex <sup>r</sup> Edward Gardner	}	Richard Hill of the County of Ann Arundell executor of the last will and testament of Ed- ward Gardner late of the said County deceased was Sumōned to answer unto Thomas Bland & Damoris his wife of the same County in a plea of trespas upon the case
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And whereupon the Said Thomas in his proper person saith that whereas the said Damoris at the Speciall instance and request of the said Edward in the life time of the said Edward (She the said Damoris being then a widdow and an approved midwife) In consideration that the said Damoris would upon the fourth day of October 1673 take One Dorothy Bruton into her house who was then very Sick and bigg with Child and her the Said Dorothy entertaine and take care off and administer such things as she the said Damoris should thinke convenient for her the said Dorothy for One and twenty dayes & nights the said Edward did assume upon himselfe and to the said Damoris did then and there faithfully promise to satisfie the said Damoris what she Should reasonably deserve for the said One & twenty dayes and nights and the said Thomas and Damoris in fact say that they reasonably deserve twelve hundred pounds of tobacco Yet notwithstanding the said promise & assumption of the said Edward yet neither the said Edward in his life time nor the said Richard Hill his executor since his decease hath not paid the said twelve hundred pounds of tobacco to the said Damoris dureing her widdowhood nor to the Said Thomas and Damoris since their intermarriage but the same doth refuse to pay to the damage of the plaintiffs two thousand foure hundred pounds of tobacco whereupon they bring their suite.

And the said Richard by George Parker his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty of Speakeing hereunto untill the next Court & it is granted him the same day is given to the Said Thomas and Damoris.

Now here at this day to witt the fiftenth day of April in the first yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq̄ Dom̄ 1676 Came the Said Thomas & Damoris and this said Richard by his Attorney came likewise and the said Richard saith that the said Edward Gardner did not assume upon himselfe in manner & forme as the said Thomas Bland & Damoris his wife against him doe complaine and of this he putts himselfe upon the Country and the plaintiffs likewise. Therefore Comānd is given to the Sheriff of s<sup>t</sup> Maries County that he cause to come here twelve &c by whom &c who