

dyn his Attorney complaineth, that whereas by an Act of Assembly made att the City of S^t Maryes in the year of the Dominion of &c and in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred Seventy two & continued to this p^rsent day amongst other things itt was Enacted. That any Servant or Servants whatsoever unlawfully absenting him her or themselves from his or their said Master Mistris or Dame or Overseer shall serve tenn dayes for every one dayes absence to be judged when such Master Mistris or Dame shall bring the said Servant before the Justices of the Provinciaall or County Court as by the Act more att large itt doth more fully appeare And the said Jacob in fact saith, that the said Mary was Servant to him the said Jacob & dureing the said tyme of servitude did absent herselfe unlawfully from the service of him the said Jacob for the space of three hundred sixty five dayes or one yeare, to witt from the first day of January One thousand six hundred Seventy foure untill the first day of January One thousand six hundred Seventy five By which accōn accrueth to the said Jacob to demand service of the said Mary according to the said Act Notwithstanding which the said Mary service according to the said Act to him the said Jacob to render hitherto hath & still denyes to render To the damage of the said Jacob foure thousand pounds of tobacco, & thereupon he bringeth his suite

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And the said Mary Seames by Robert Ridgely her Attorney cometh & defendeth the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill next Provinciaall Court & itt is granted unto her, the same day is given to the plaintiffe also

Now here att this day to witt the twelfth day of October in the third yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq^{ue} Doni 1678 cometh as well the said plaintiffe as the said Defend^t by their Attorneys aforesaid And the said Mary by her said Attorney saith, that she is not guilty of the p^rmisses above by the said Jacob imposed upon her And of this she putts herselfe upon the Countrey And the said Jacob also Whereupon itt is comāded the Sheriffe of S^t Maryes County that he cause to come here twelve &c by whom &c and who neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c Att which said twelfth day of October in the yeare aforesaid cometh the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid And the Jurors impannelled being called likewise come to witt Richard Boughton, Robert Mason, Thomas Doxey, John Doxey, James Rumsey, Tho: Bowdle, Thomas Osborne, Lewis Blangy, Thomas Ball, Henry Howard, Thomas Gilbert & Richard Hodgson, who being Elected tryed & Sworne to say the truth in the p^rmisses upon their Oaths doe, say that the said Mary Seames is not guilty of the p^rmisses above by the said Jacob imposed upon her Therefore itt is considered that the said Jacob take nothing by his writt aforesaid but be in mercy for his false plaint thereupon prosecuted And that the said Mary may goe thereof

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