

tenth day of July in the yeare aforesaid at the Clifts in Calvert County to the hands and possession of the said George by finding came, Notwithstanding the said George knowing the Servant aforesaid to be the proper Servant of the said William and to the said William of right to belong and appertaine Craftily and fraudulently Intending the said William in that behalfe Craftily and Subtily to defraude and deceive, the said Servant to the said William though often thereunto requested hath not delivered but the servant aforesaid afterwards that is to Say the Eight and twentyeth day of July in the yeare of our Lord 1682 at the Clifts aforesaid to his owne proper use and proffit Converted and disposed to the Damage of the said William Seaven thousand pounds of Tobacco. And thereupon he bringeth his suite

And the said George Abbott by George Parker his Attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle hereunto untill the next Provinciaall Court and it is granted unto him and the same day is given to the plantiffe likewise

Now here at this day (to wit) the one and thirtyeth day of March in the Eighth yeare of the Dominion of the Right hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Lord Baltmore &c Annoq̄ Doni 1683 came the said partyes by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said George Abbott by his said Attorney sayth that he is not guilty of the trover and Conversion in manner and forme as the plt above in his Declaration hath declared. and of this he puts himself upon the Country, And the p<sup>lt</sup> likewise,

Itt is therefore Comanded the sheriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County that he Cause to come here Twelve &c by whom &c and who neither &c to Recognize &c because aswell &c.

On wch said one and thirtyeth day of March in the yeare aforesaid came the said partyes by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Jurors impannelled being called likewise came (to wit) James Bowling Thomas Hussey, Thomas Pemberton Eman<sup>n</sup> Pitcher Anthony Evans Daniell Murphy, Thomas Tillett. John Tong, Jacob Morrice, stephen Luffe, Thomas Stonestreet and John Bradsher Who being elected tryed and Sworne to say the truth in the premises Upon their Oathes doe Say that the said George Abbott is not guilty of the trover and Conversion in manner and forme as the p<sup>lt</sup> above in his Declaration hath declared Therefore It is considered by the Court here that the Said William Leeds take nothing by his plea aforesaid but be in mercy for his false Clayme therein. And that the said George Abbott goe thereof without Day. and that the said George Abbott Recover against the said William Leedes the sume of Two thousand one hundred Sixty and Seaven pounds of tobacco for his Costs & Charges by him about his defence in this behalfe Layd out and Expended And the said George may have thereof Execution