

Liber W. C. of one Man servant Named Ffrancis Browne as the proper servant of her the said Mary to serve her the said Mary for such Terme of yeares as is usuall and accustomeable by the Lawes of this province for servants Transported into this Province without Indentures to serve of the vallue of Three thousand five hundred pounds of Tobacco, and soe being thereof possessed the said Man servant of her the said Mary as aforesaid she the said Mary Afterwards to wit the Tenth day of Aprill aforesaid out of her possession & service did Casually loose W^{ch} said Servant Afterwards to wit the Eleaventh day of Aprill aforesaid att Bushwood in the said County of st Maryes to the hands and possession of the said Gerrard Slye by finding came, Notwithstanding the said Gerrard Knowing the said servant to be the proper servant of her the said Mary & of right to appertaine and belong, & Meaning and intending her the said Mary in this behalfe to Deceive and Defraude, The said Man servant as aforesaid to her the said Mary in her life time Nor to the said Owen since her Death to whome Administracōn of all and singuler the goods and Chattles of the said Mary are in Due forme of Lawe Legally Comitted & are here in Court Ready to be produced Though often thereunto requested hath not Delivered but the said Man servant afterwards that is to say the Twelfth day of Aprill aforesaid to the use and Comodity of him the said Gerrard at Bushwood in st Maryes County aforesaid then and there disposed and Converted **Whereupon** the said Owen sayth hee is Dammified & hath Losse to the Vallue of Eight Thousand pounds of Tobacco, & thereupon he bringeth. his suite

And the said Gerrard Slye by Robert Ridgely his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force and Injury when &c and prayeth Liberty to Imparle hereunto untill the next provinciall Court and It is granted unto him the same Day is given to the plantiffe likewise

Att w^{ch} said next provinciall Court came the said partyes by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Gerrard Slye by his said Attorney sayth that hee is in noe wise guilty of the premisses above imposed upon him In manner and forme as the said Owen in his Declaracōn hath Complained and of this he puts himself upon the Country, and the plantiffe also, It is therefore Comanded the sheriffe of st Maryes County that hee Cawse to Come here Twelve &c^a by whome &c & who Neither &c to Recognize &c becawse aswell &c

And Now here at this day (to wit) the Nineteenth day of November in the sixth yeare of the Dominion of the Right Hono^{ble} Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq̄ Doni 1681 Came the said partyes by their Attorneys aforesaid & the Juro^{rs} Impannelled being Called Likewise came (to wit) Philip Lynes Anthony Dawson, John Richardson, William Hill, John Evans, W^m Stevens, W^m Mishew, Rhoderick ILoyd, Richard Edelen, Henry Exon, John Paler & Solomon Day **Who** being elected trye and sworne to say the Truth in the premisses