Joseph Forman
vs
James Hardy

Command was given to the Sheriffe of Somerset County that he Should take James Hardy late of Somerset County planter if he should be found in his bailywick and him Should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships county court of Somerset To be held at princess Ann Town the third tuesday of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty Two to answer unto Joseph Forman of a plea of trespass upon the case and so Forth and the same day is given to the defs Joseph Forman here and so forth. At which day here came the defs Joseph Forman by Josiah Polk his Attorney and the Sheriffe to wit Iph Crain Wilson now here returned that he had taken the defs James Hardy whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the defs Joseph Forman of the defs plea as to him it was commanded & And hereupon at the prayer of the ~~parties~~ defs Joseph Forman the defs James Hardy is adjudged to give special Bail to the action defs - - - - Whereupon a certain Joseph Scrogin of Somerset County present here in court in his proper person undertook for the said James Hardy and assumed upon himself that if it should happen that Judgement in the plea defs should be rendred for the said Joseph Forman against the defs James Hardy or that that the said James Hardy should be therein convict that then he the said James should pay and satisfy unto the defs Joseph Forman the Judgement of the court thereupon or render his body in Execution of such Judgement to the prison of the Sheriffe of the county defs in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said Joseph Scrogin will do the same for him &c And hereupon the defs James Hardy puts in his place Samuel Wilson Gentn Attorney at Law against the defs Joseph Forman of the defs plea - - - - And hereupon at the prayer of the parties defs Day is to them now here given untill next Court To be held at princess Ann Town the third tuesday of March then next following in the state that now saveing to the parties defs &

At which day here came the parties defs by their Attorneys defs and hereupon the defs Joseph Forman complained against the defs James Hardy in the plea defs in form following

Somerset ss James Hardy late of Somerset County planter was attached to answer unto Joseph Forman of a plea of trespass upon the case &

And Whereupon the said Joseph Forman by Josiah Polk his Attorney complains that whereas the said James on the nineteenth day of January Anno Dom MDCCLXI at the county defs was Indebted unto the said Joseph in the sum of Five pounds six shillings and four pence Current money of Maryland for the articles in the account hereto annexed mentioned and so thereof Indebted being the said James in consideration thereof afterwards to wit the day and year defs at the county defs upon himself did Assume and to the said Joseph then and there faithfully promise that he the said James when he should be thereto afterwards required the sum of money defs to the said Joseph he would faithfully pay and content Whereas also the said James on the Twenty First day of November Anno Dom MDCCLXI at the county defs was Indebted unto the said Joseph in the further Sum of three pounds two shillings and four pence halfpenny Current money of Maryland for the Articles in the account hereto annexed mentioned and so thereof Indebted being the said James in consideration thereof afterwards to wit the day and year Last defs at the county defs upon himself did assume and to the said Joseph then and there faithfully promised that he the said James when he should be thereto afterwards required the sum of Money last defs to the defs Joseph he would faithfully pay and content Whereas also the said James on the tenth day of February Anno Dom MDCCLXI at the county defs was Indebted unto the said Joseph in the further sum of one pound eight shillings and ten pence Current money of Maryland for the articles in one other account thereto annexed mentioned and so thereof Indebted being the said James in consideration thereof afterwards to wit the day and year last defs at the county defs upon himself did assume and to the said Joseph then and there faithfully promised that he the said James when he should be thereto afterwards required the sum of money Last defs To the defs Joseph he would faithfully pay and content Never the less the said James his several promises and assumptions defs in form defs made not regarding the several sums of Money defs to the defs Joseph he hath not paid nor him for the same in any sort Contented but that to do altogether hath refused and still doth refuse alike the same to do afterwards to wit the day and year last defs at the county defs and often since that

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