

Court th<sup>t</sup> Hannah Lee adm̄istratrix to her s<sup>d</sup> Deceased husband may Liber B B  
pay th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Tob, w<sup>th</sup> Charges of Court. And yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> shall pray &c :

James Neale p<sup>lf</sup> } The dēft denyeth all what th<sup>e</sup> p<sup>lf</sup> alleageth in his  
Hannah Lee dēft } Pet<sup>n</sup>, And therefore prayeth th<sup>t</sup> th<sup>e</sup> p<sup>lf</sup> proue  
his demand. The p<sup>lf</sup> not hauing Bill for his s<sup>d</sup> Debt from th<sup>e</sup> De-  
ceased, nor th<sup>e</sup> Adm̄istratrix, The dēft Craueth th<sup>e</sup> Benefitt of th<sup>t</sup>  
Act for paym<sup>t</sup> of Debts uppon Dead mens Estates, w<sup>th</sup>out Bond or  
Specialty. Thereuppon Ordered th<sup>t</sup> th<sup>e</sup> p<sup>lf</sup> bee Nonsuited.

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Gour<sup>r</sup> & Councell of this Prouince.

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The humble Pet<sup>n</sup> of Rich: Collett sheweth

That whereas yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> is authorized & impowred by uertue of a  
līe of Attorney grāll to receaue what Debts can be made appeare due  
unto M<sup>r</sup> Raymond Staplefort merch<sup>t</sup> & whereas by Bill John Tucker  
stands indebted unto th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Staplefort in th<sup>e</sup> full & iust summe of  
Three Thows<sup>d</sup> one hund<sup>d</sup> seuenty & Two pownds of Tob & cask due  
uppon all demands, The w<sup>ch</sup> notw<sup>th</sup>standing yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> hath demanded  
yett noe Tobacco hath receaued, Wherefore yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> most humbly  
Craueth order for th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Debt w<sup>th</sup> Court charges & costs of suite &  
yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> shall euer pray &c :

Bee it knowne unto all men by these p<sup>nts</sup> th<sup>t</sup> I Raymond Staple-  
fort of Maryland merch<sup>t</sup> haue made assigned, ordayned authorized,  
deputed & appoynted, & in my place by these p<sup>nts</sup> haue putt my  
ffreind M<sup>r</sup> Richard Collett of Maryland Sheriffe my true & lawfull  
Attorney, for mee & in my name & steed, & to my use to aske, Leauy  
& demand all such quan<sup>ties</sup> of Tob as are due & owing unto mee th<sup>e</sup>  
s<sup>d</sup> Raymond Staplefort, eyther by Bill, bond or accompt, or by any  
other way or meanes whatsoeu<sup>r</sup>, Gyuing unto my s<sup>d</sup> Attorney author-  
ity to pleade, arrest, attatch & imprisone or cause to condemne & out  
of prison to release, Likewise to deliuer lrēs of acquittance & other  
discharges, in my name to finish & conclude all Lawfull & reasonable  
Act or Acts whatsoeu<sup>r</sup> as to him my s<sup>d</sup> Attorney shall seeme ex-  
pedient or effectuall as if I were p<sup>r</sup>sonally p<sup>nt</sup>. In wittnes whereof  
I haue hereto sett my hand & Seale this Twenty Seuenth day of May  
in th<sup>e</sup> yeare of Our Lord One Thows<sup>d</sup> six hund<sup>d</sup> sixty Three

Wittnes p<sup>nt</sup> Raymond Staplefort Seale  
Josamus Dixfus Joseph Winslow.

Raymond Staplefort p<sup>lf</sup> } The Attorney produceth th<sup>e</sup> dēfts Bill,  
John Tucker dēft } for 3172<sup>l</sup> Tob & cask, in open Court. The  
dēft alleageth & sayth that hee neuer receaued of M<sup>r</sup> Staplefort th<sup>e</sup>  
full Consideraōn for what th<sup>t</sup> Bill was passed, & bringeth negatiue  
depos<sup>ns</sup> to proue th<sup>e</sup> same. The p<sup>lf</sup> urgeth for his Bill, And th<sup>e</sup> dēft  
confesseseth that is his owne Bill, & signed by himselfe

Vid. fol. 113  
& 114.

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