County hath not paid or them or Either of them for the same hitherto (any wise
Contributed but the same to pay to the said Sam.ll in his Lifetime and to the said Lewin
adm.r as afs. Since the decease of the said Samuel hath hitherto altogether refused
and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Lewin Seventy pounds Ster.g and thereof
he brings the suit &c. And he brings hereinto Court the Letters of adm.con of the
afs. Mr. Bladen dec.d which witness the Commission of the admiccon afs. in form afs. &c.

plegi &c. Jn.o Doe
Ri. Roe

And the said John Handsteelman by Thomas Mannemara his Att.ny Comes and
defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays Leave to Imparle thereunto untill next Court
and he hath it and the Same day is Given to the pl.ff also. All which said next
Court to wit the first day of May Anno Dom.i 1716 Comes again as well the said pl.ff by
his Att.ny afs. as the said def.nt by his Att.ny afs. and the said defend.t by his said Att.ny prays
further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the Same day is
Given to the pl.ff also, All which said next Court to wit the 3.d day of July Anno Dom.i
1716 Comes again as well the said pl.ff by his Att.ny afs. as the said def.nt by his Att.ny afs.
and the said def.t by his said att.ny prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next
Court and he hath it & the Same day is Given to the pl.ff also. At which said next
Court to wit the day of September Anno Dom.i 1716 Comes again as well the said
pl.ff by his Att.ny afs. as the said defendant by his Att.ny afs. and the said defend.t by his
said Att.ny prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it
and the same day is Given to the pl.ff also. At which said next Court to wit the 9.d day
of Aprill Anno Dom.i 1717 Comes again as well the s.d Lewin Denwood adm.r as afs. by
his Att.ny afs. as the said John Handsteelman by his Att.ny afs. and the said John
Handsteelman by his said Att.ny (as before) defends the force and Injury when &c.
Says that he hath not Assumed upon himself in Manner and forme as the pl.ff
above against him hath declared and of this he puts himself upon the Country

And the pl.ff Also

But the said John Handsteelman altho.r Solemnly Called Comes not ~~[illegible]~~ nor
does he make any further defence in the plea afs. but makes default whereby the
said pl.ff remains ag.t the said def.nt ~~[illegible]~~ further defence

Therefore it is Considered by the Court here the 9.d day of Aprill Anno
Dom.i 1717 afs. that the said Lewin Denwood adm.r as afs. recover ag.t the said Jn.o Handsteelman
as well the Sume of Thirty Seven pounds four shill.s Ster.g his damages by Occasion of
the premisses afs. as also the Sume of [illegible] pounds
1105 of lob.s and several costs and he acquitted
by the Court here adjudged unto him for his Costs and Charges by him about his
Suit in this behalf laid out and expended, And the defend.t in Mercy &c.

Mr. in the Action afs. the first plea was filed by the pl.ff Att.ny

Handsteelman as Groom ad. } And the s.d Jn.o Handsteelman by Thomas Mannemara his Att.ny Comes and defends the
force and Injury when &c. prays oyer of the Letters of admiccon without which he cannot
plead in Abatement or in Chief

Mannemara

April Court 1717

Wm. Fishburne Merch.t and Wm. Fishburne Ex.r Thomas Graham } Maryland ss.

Mr. John Whittington and Wm. Swealnam adm.rs of Edward Bathurst . . . . . } John Whittington and William Swealnam of Queen Anns County Gent adm.rs of all and Singular the goods Chattels rights and Credits which were of Edward Bathurst late of Kent County Merch.t deced at the time of his death were attached to answer unto William Fishburne Merch.t and Wm. Fishburne Executor of the last witt and testament of Thomas Graham late deced of a plea of trespass upon the Case

And Whereupon the said William Fishburne Merch.t and Wm. Fishburne Ex.r as afs. by Thomas Bordley their Attorney Complaine that whereas the said Edward Bathurst in his Lifetime to wit on the twenty Seventh day of March Anno Dom.i Seventeen hundred and Six at Annapolis in Ann Arundell County (the same Edward then and there Negotiateing and useing Comerce) made and with his proper hand subscribed his certain first bill of Exchange in writeing according to the use and Custome of Merch.ts from the time where of the memory of man is not to the Contrary used and approved bearing date the same day and year and the same bill to a certaine Mr. Rob.t Dunkley Merch.t in London Directed (the same Robert Dunkley then residing and useing Comerce at London afs. in the Kingdom of Great Brittaine) and by the same Bill requested the same Rob.t Dunkley at Sixty days sight of that his first bill of Exchange his Second and third not paid to pay unto Wm. Fishburne and Thomas Graham or order the Sume of Eighty five pounds Ster.g money value rec.d and to place the Same to y.e Account of the said Edward Bathurst, the said Wm. Fishburne Merch.t and the said Thomas Graham then being Joynt Merch.ts and useing Comerce at Annapolis afs. in the County afs. And afterwards to wit the fourth day of February Anno Dom.i One thousand Seven hundred and Six at London afs. to wit at Annapolis afs. in Ann.e County afs. the afs. first bill of Exchange to the afs. Robert Dunkley was shewn (the second or third of the same bills not being paid and the said Robert Dunkley before that time having had Sixty days Sight of the same first bill) And the s.d Robert Dunkley was then and there According to the use and Custome of Merch.ts afs. requested to accept the s.d bill and pay the Contents thereof, but the said Robert Dunkley then and there and always afterwards hitherto hath altogether refused to accept and hath not Accepted the Same first bill of Exchange nor paid the Contents thereof to the afs. Wm. Fishburne Merch.t and the Graham or their Order or to Either of them or to the order of Either of them According to the use and Custome of Merch.ts afs. from the whole time above s.d as afs. used and approved but afterw.ds to wit the afs. fourth day of February Anno Dom.i One thousand Seven hundred and Six at London afs. to wit at Annapolis in Ann.e County afs. the afs. first bill of Exchange According to the afs. use and Custome of Merch.ts afs. was protested by reason of the s.d Non Acceptance and non payment by pretext of w.ch premisses the afs. Edward Bathurst in his Lifetime According to the use of Merchts afs. from the whole time afs. as before used and approved became and was Chargeable to pay the afs. Eighty five pounds Ster.g money in the afs. bill of Exchange mentioned with all Lawfull Damages Costs and Interest by Occasion of the Non Acceptance of the same first Bill of Exchange and Non payment of the Contents thereof to the afs. Wm. Fishburne Merch.t and the Graham