Pl. Rachel Brown Ex. Jno Brown } Command was given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County
a } that he should take James Poorman of Anne Arundell County
pp. James Poorman - - - - - Merchant if he should be found in his Bailywick & him should safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of his Lordships Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October then next to answer unto Rachel Brown Executrix of the Testament of John Brown dered of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c And that thereof he should not fail &c —

And the said Rachell Brown Ex. as afd by Tourtl Francis her Attorney Declares against the said James Poorman in the Plea afd as follows (Vizt)

Ann Arundell County ss. James Poorman late of Anne Arundell County Merchant was attached to answer unto Rachel Brown Executrix of the Testament of John Brown dered of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c —

And whereupon the same Rachel by Tourtl Francis her Attorney Complaineth that whereas the afd James the first Day of July Anno Domi Seventeen hundred twenty & Eight at Ann Arundel County afd then & there negotiating & Commerce using according to the Use & Custom of Merchants in such Case used & approved made & Drew three Bills of Exchange all of One Tenor & Date with his proper Name & hand thereto Subscribed & the same bills of Exchange unto a Certain John Poorman then at London to wit at Ann Arundell County afd residing negotiating & Commerce using did Direct & by the first of the same bills did require the same John at twenty Days Sight of that his first Bill of Exchange his Second or third Bills of the same Tenor & Date not being paid to pay unto the afd John Brown or his Order the Sum of twenty & three Pounds four Shillings & three pence Sterling for Value received by the afd James which said Bill of Exchange as afd made Subscribed & directed afterwards to wit the fourth Day of December in the Year afd at London afd to wit at Ann Arundell County afd (the afd Second or third Bills of Exchange of the same tenor or Date not being paid or accepted to be paid) unto the afd John Poorman was shown & the same John that bill of Exchange to accept then & there was required but the same John Bill of Exchange to accept or the afd Sum of Money therein mentioned or any part thereof to pay altogether then & there did refuse Whereupon the same Bill of Exchange then & there according to the Use & Custom of Merchants afd in that part used & approved (the first or third of the same Tenor & Date not being accepted or paid) in due manner in Writing was protested for want of acceptance of the same Bill of Exchange of all which Premisses the same John Brown afterward to wit the Day & Year last afd at Ann Arundell County afd unto the same James did give Notice by protest of notice Premisses the same James according to the Use & Custom of Merchants afd did become & was liable to pay unto the afd John Brown in his life time the afd twenty three pounds four Shillings & three pence Sterling in the afd first Bill of Exchange mentioned & also did become & was liable to pay unto the afd John Brown in his life time all Cost Damage & Charges that was had been or should be occasioned by the Non acceptance non payment & protestation of the same first bill of Exchange & so thereof being Chargeable & liable the same James in Consideration thereof afterward to wit the Day & Year last mentioned at the County afd upon himself did assume & unto the same John Brown in his life time then & there faithfully did promise that he the same James the afd twenty & three pounds four Shillings & three pence Sterling in the same bill of Exchange mentioned & also all Cost Damage & Charges which was had been or should be occasioned by the non acceptance non payment & protestation of the same bill of Exchange unto the same John Brown when thereof afterward he should be required well & faithfully would pay & Content And the afd Rachel in fact saith that the Cost Damage & Charges occasioned by the Non acceptance non payment & protestation of the Bill of Exchange amounted to three Pounds thirteen Shillings & three pence & a half Penny Sterling at London afd to wit at Ann Arundell County afd whereof the afd James at the same County then had Notice Nevertheless the

(afd)

the afd James his promise & Assumption afd nothing regarding but minding & fraudulently intending the afd John Brown in his life time & the same Rachel after the Death of the same John in this part Craftily & subtilly to deceive & defraud the afd several Sums of Money or any part of them unto the afd John Brown in his life time or unto the said Rachel after the Death of the said John Brown hath not paid or in any Sort Contented (altho' to do the same the afd James by the afd John Brown in his life time to wit on the fifth Day of December Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred twenty & Eight & by the afd Rachel after the Death of the same John to wit the first day of May Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred twenty & nine at the County afd was requested) but those unto them to pay or in any Sort to Content altogether hath refused & the same Sums of Money unto the said Rachel to pay or any Sort to Content still doth refuse to the Damage of the same Rachel Sixty Pounds Sterling & therefore she brings Suit &c And the same Rachel doth bring here into Court the Letters Testamentary of the afd John Brown by which it fully appeareth to the Court here that she the same Rachel is Executrix of the testament of the same John & that she hath thereof Administration &c — Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe —

A Copy of which Declaration was made & sent with the Writ in this Plea afd —

At which said third Tuesday of October to wit the 21st Day of the same Month Anno Dom. 1729 being the Day of the return of the aforegoing Writ Comes the said Rachel Brown Ex. as afd by Tourtl Francis her Attorney And the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County to whom the said Writ & Declaration was directed likewise Comes & makes return thereof to the Court here thus Indorsed Vizt Copi Copy served in time

James Gorsuch Sheriff —

Whereupon the said James Poorman being Called appears And thereupon at the Prayer of the Plft is adjudged to give Special Bail to the Action afd but for want thereof the said James Poorman is Committed into the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County thereto remain until &c the said Sheriff being present by Thomas Reynolds his Deputy took Charge of him accordingly —

And thereupon the said James Poorman in Custody as afd in his proper Person Comes & defends the force & Injury when &c And saith he Cannot gainsay the Plft her Action afd so as afd against him brought nor can he say but that the said Plft ought to recover her Damages by Occasion of the Premisses afd besides her Costs & Charges by her about this Suit in this behalf laid out & Expended to the Sum of twenty Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings & one Penny half Penny Sterling which the said Plft doth not gainsay —

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 21st Day of October Anno Dom. 1729 afd that the said Rachel Brown Ex. as afd recover against the said James Poorman in Custody as afd as well the Sum of twenty Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings & one Penny half Penny Sterling her Damage afd as the Sum of

775 Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto her adjudged for her Costs & Charges by her about this Suit in this behalf laid out & Expended And the Debt in Mercy &c

Pl. Robert Cuthbertson } Command was given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County that he
a } should take Burridge Hutchins late of Ann Arundell County Planter if
Burridge Hutchins } he should be found in his Bailywick & him should safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of his Lordships Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October then next to answer unto Robert Cuthbertson Merchant in London of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case & that thereof he should not fail &c —

And the said Robert Cuthbertson by Wm Cumming his Attorney

(declared)