Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Sheriff of Charles County Greeting whereas at a Provincial Court held at the City of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County in and for the Province aforesaid on the thirteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty two before John Rice Esq. Chief Justice of the said Court and Others his Associates then Justices of the same Court a certain John and James Jameson had sued and Impleaded a certain Benjamin Thomas late of Charles County planter For that Whereas the said Benjamin on the ninth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty at Charles County aforesaid was Indebted to the said John and James Jameson in the sum of seven thousand four hundred eighty seven and three Eighths Pounds of Crop Tobacco for divers Articles lying properly in an Account as by the particular Account thereof therewith into Court brought might appear and the said Benjamin being so thereof Indebted the aforesaid Benjamin in Consideration thereof afterwards to wit the Day and Year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon himself assumed and to the said John and James then and there faithfully promised that he the said Benjamin the said sum of seven thousand four hundred eighty seven and three Eighths Pounds of Crop Tobacco to the said John and James would well and truly content and pay when thereunto afterwards he should be required Nevertheless the said Benjamin his promise and assumption aforesaid not regarding but minding and fraudulently intending them the said John and James in that part Craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the said sum of seven thousand four hundred eighty seven and three eighths Pounds of Crop Tobacco or any part thereof to the said John and James had not paid or them for the same in any sort Contented, Altho the said Benjamin was afterwards to wit on the tenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty and often before and since at the County aforesaid by the said John and James requested but he same to them hitherto to pay or them for the same in any sort to content he had hitherto altogether refused and still did refuse to pay the same to the Damage of them the said John and James Jameson twelve thousand Pounds of Crop Tobacco and therefore suit was brought and so forth It was therefore so far proceeded in our said Court that the said John and James Jameson their Damages by Occasion of the premises aforesaid ought to recover; But because it was unknown to our said Justices what Damages the said John and James Jameson have sustained by Occasion of the premises aforesaid We Command you that by the Oath of twelve good and lawfull Men of your Bailiwick you diligently

(Inquire)

Inquire what Damages the said John and James Jameson have sustained by occasion of the premises aforesaid besides their Costs and Charges by them about their suit in this behalf laid out and expended and that the Inquisition which you shall take thereof to our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of September next under your Hand and Seal and the Hands and Seals of those by whose Oath you make the same Inquisition you send Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness John Rice Esq. Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 26th Day of April in the 12th Year of our Dominion &c. Annoque Domini 1762

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At which said second Tuesday of September to wit the 14th Day of the same month Anno Domini 1762 being the Day of the Return of the aforegoing Writ Comes the said John and James Jameson by John Hall their Attorney And the Sheriff of Charles County to whom the same Writ was directed also Comes and makes Return thereof to the Court here thus Indorsed to wit. Charles County ss. An Inquisition Indented and taken at New Port in Charles County aforesaid on the fourth Day of September 1762 Before Allen Davies Sheriff of the said County by Virtue of a Writ of Inquiry Issued out of the Provincial Court the first Day of July last to me Directed And to this Inquisition annexed by the Oath of Charles Love, Richard Smith, Samuel Briscoe, George Reech, John Wood James Reech, William Coutts, Hatch Dent, John Marshall, Joseph Johnston, John Warren and Robert Yates twelve good and lawful Men of the County aforesaid who being sworn and Charged on their Oath say that the said John and James Jameson have sustained Damage by reason of the non performance of the promise and Assumption aforesaid six thousand three hundred pounds of Crop Tobacco In Witness whereof the Sheriff aforesaid as well as the Jurors aforesaid have hereunto put their Hands and Seals the Day and Year aforesaid.

Allen Davies Sheriff (seal) Charles Love (seal) Rich Smith (seal) Saml Briscoe (seal) George Reech (seal) John Wood (seal) James Reech (seal) Coutts (seal) Hatch Dent (seal) Jno Marshall (seal) Joseph Johnson (seal) John Warren (seal) Robt Yates (seal)

Which being read and heard It is therefore Considered by the Justices here that the said John and James Jameson recover against the said Benjamin Thomas as well the sum of six thousand three hundred pounds of Crop Tobacco their Damages aforesaid by the Jury aforesaid in form aforesaid found as also

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pounds of Tobacco for their Costs and Charges by them about their suit in this behalf expended and that thereof they have Execution &c.

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