They also pray an Hearing of the Condition of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and they have it as follows to wit — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden John Parran do well and truly serve his Lordship his Heirs and Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Calvert within the Province aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully execute the same Office and also shall render unto his said Lordship and other his Officers a true and faithful and perfect Account of all and Singular his said Lordships Rights and Dues and to his Officers a true and just Account of their Fees that he shall or may be entrusted with by his said Lordships Governor and other his Officers within this Province to receive and Collect and his Account to his said Lordship his Heirs and Successors and to his and their Governor here for the Time being for the Fines and Forfitures and other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governor as also his Account of all Fees Dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco due to any of the good People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith the said Sheriff shall be entrusted during the Time of his Shrievalty for this present or to Such of them as shall require the Same shall pass and render by the tenth day of May next ensuing the Date hereof, and in all other Things as Sheriff of the County of Calvert shall behave himself well and honestly to all Persons according to the best of his power Skill and knowledge then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect or else to Stand in full force Strength and Vertue —

They also pray an Hearing of the Writ aforesaid and the Indorsement thereon and they have the Same as follows to wit —

Maryland ss. Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Sheriff of Calvert County Greeting We Command you that you take John Gray Late of Calvert County Merchant and Esther his Wife and Young Parran late of the same County Gentleman Administrators of the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of John Parran late of Calvert County Gentleman Deceased otherwise lately called John Parran of Calvert County in the Province aforesaid with the Testament and last Will of him the said John Parran to their Letters of Administrators annexed who died Intestate as it is said if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his Body before the Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the Second Tuesday of September next to Answer unto Us in a Plea that they render unto Us the full Sum and just Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which from Us they unjustly detain and so forth. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness John Brice Esquire Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 19th day of May in the 7th Year of our Dominion &c. Annoque Domini 1757 —

Ignoed 12th June 1757 — (Bordley) Reverdy Ghiselin Cl.

On the Back of the aforegoing Writ was thus Indorsed Viz.t —

Memorandum this Writ is ignoed on John Parran's Sheriffs Bond dated 9th September 1740 by Order of the Governor and Council on the Address of the Lower House of Assembly —

Test. Reverdy Ghiselin Cl.

Which being Read and Heard the said John Gray and Esther his Wife and Young Parran by their Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and pray leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and they have it and the Same day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Eleventh day of April Anno Dom. 1758 Come again as well the said Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. as the said John Gray and Wife and Young Parran by their Attorney aforesaid and the said John Gray and Wife and Young Parran by their Attorney aforesaid pray further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and they have it and the same Day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Twelfth day of September Anno Dom. 1758 Come again as well the said Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. as the said Esther Gray and Young Parran by their Attorney aforesaid and the said Stephen Bordley who &c. Suggests to the Court here that the said John Gray Since the last Court is Dead thereupon the said Esther Gray and Young Parran by their Attorney aforesaid pray further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and they have it and the Same Day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Tenth Day of April Anno Dom. 1759 Come again as well the said Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. as the said Esther Gray and Young Parran by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Esther Gray and Young Parran by their Attorney aforesaid pray further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and they have it and the Same Day is given to the said Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. also

At which said next Court to wit the Eleventh day of September Anno Dom. 1759 Come again as well the said Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. as the said Esther Gray and Young Parran by their Attorney aforesaid And the said Esther and Young by Daniel Dulany their Attorney come and defend the force and Injury when &c. and Say that they with the Debt aforesaid by Virtue of the writing Obligatory aforesaid Ought not to be burthened because they Say that that Writing is not the Deed of the said John Parran and of this they put themselves upon the Country &c. —

And the aforesaid Esther and Young by Leave of the Court here according to the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided by their Attorney aforesaid further defend the force and Injury when &c. and Say that the said Attorney for the said Lord Proprietary that now is the Action aforesaid against them the said Esther and Young Ought not to have because they Say that after the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and before the issuing the Writ aforesaid in the Plea aforesaid the aforesaid John Parran in the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory mentioned did well and truly Serve his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland in the Condition aforesaid mentioned in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Calvert within the Province aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully executed the Same Office and also rendered unto his said Lordship and other his said Officers a true faithful and perfect Account of all and Singular his said Lordships Rights and Dues and to his Officers a true and just Account of their Fees that he was entrusted with by his said Lordships Governor and other his Officers within this Province to receive and Collect and his account to his said Lordship and his Governor here for the Time being for the fines and Forfeitures and other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governor as also his Account of all Fees Dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco Due to any of the good People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith the said Sheriff was entrusted during the Time of his Shrievalty for that present or to Such of them as did require the Same did pass and render by tenth day of May next ensuing the Date of the said Writing Obligatory and in all other Things as Sheriff