The king ag. Elias King } The Jaund. ag. The Jaund. } The defendt in his dowrd in this ple of ouer & yon ag. the plaintiff &c.

Richard Hounds ag. Lawrence Smith } Deft. mort. } The king ag. Richard Hounds } The defendt in his dowrd — Qd. yon ag. the plaintiff

George Plater who sueth for the king } Maryland ss.
ag. William Sharpe } William Sharpe late of Talbot County Merchant otherwise called William Sharpe of Talbot County Merchant was summoned to answer unto George Plater Esq. Attorney Gen. who for our sovereign Lord the king in this behalf prosecuteth of a plea that he render unto the said Lord the king the full & just sum of one thousand pounds of the lawfull money of England owing to the said Lord the king & owed & unjustly detaineth &c.

And whereupon the said George Plater who for our sovereign Lord the king prosecuteth for the said Lord the king saith that the said William the 9th day of November in the yeare of our Lord 1694 at Wye River in Talbot County by his certaine writing obligatory acknowledged himselfe to be bound to the said Lord the king in the full & just sum of one thousand pounds sterling lawfull money of England, to be paid to the said Lord the king his heirs & successors & to his certaine payment well & truely to be made the said William bound him selfe firmly by the said writing obligatory Notwithstanding the said William the said sum of one thousand pounds sterling lawfull money of England altho often required the said to the said Lord the king hath not yet but hath hitherto denyed and doth still deny to the damage of the said Lord the king Thirteene hundred pounds sterling and this for our said Lord the king he is ready to verify &c. and he brings here into Court the writing aforesaid, which he shewes the said debt aforesaid in form and effect aforesaid the date whereof is the day & yeare aforesaid —

And the said William by Robert Hounds Borough his Attorney confesseth the debt in the form & in manner & prayeth the hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and it is read unto him he prayeth also the hearing of the condition of the said writing obligatory and it is read unto him in these words viz. The condition of this obligation is such that if the bounden John Cook or his assigns do forthwith or the day of the said Parties out of this province this present voyage satisfy & pay to their Ma.ties Collector for patent district in the above said [illegible] in their Ma.ties duties of one penny & pound for all such tobacco as shall be loaden or taken on board this present voyage according to the act of parliament made in the 25th yeare of the raigne of king Charles the second and it shall fall to be put directly for Barbadoes or some other of their Ma.ties English plantations and there be unlade the said tobacco the dangers of the seas excepted and shall this writing within twelve moneths

from the date hereof produce a certificate of his having so done as aforesaid this said obligation to be void & of none effect otherwise to stand in full force & vertue in law —

And the said William Sharpe by his Attorney aforesaid prayeth judgment of the writ for that he saith that by the writ it is commanded to the Sheriff of Talbot County that he take William Sharpe late of Talbot County Merchant otherwise called William Sharpe of Talbot County Merchant to answer unto George Plater who for the Ma.ty King William the third in this behalf prosecuteth of a plea that he render unto the said George Attorney generall aforesaid for his Ma.ty the full & just sum of one thousand pounds sterling lawfull money of England owing & owed & unjustly detained &c. The said George Attorney generall aforesaid for our said Lord the king in this behalf prosecuteth of a plea that he render unto our said Lord the king the full & just sum of one thousand pounds sterling lawfull money of England owing to the said Lord the king & owed & unjustly detained &c.

And the said William Sharpe saith that this is a matter all barred by the writ & declaration which he is ready to verify & that he prayeth judgment of the writ and that the same may be abated.

The said plea was overruled by the Court —

Now this day to wit the twelfth day of October in the year 1698 came the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid the said Robert Hounds Borough saith he is not further informed by the said William of any other or further matter to plead in bar or abatement of the action against him brought & aforesaid. Whereupon it is considered by the Court here that the said George Plater Attorney General aforesaid who prosecuteth for our said sovereign Lord the king do recover against the said William Sharpe to his said Ma.ty the said sum of one thousand pounds & the penall debt aforesaid and also the sum of pounds of tobacco cost of suit & that the deft in mercy &c. /

Upon obtaining of this judgement the special bail was acquitted and discharged and so declared by the said George Plater who did further declare that if the deft can produce certificate or other evidence sufficient in law to discharge this judgment before execution had the judgment shall be void & superseded &c. /

The king ag. Henry Smith } Maryland ss.
Henry Smith late of Somerset County otherwise called Henry Smith of Somerset County Merchant was summoned to answer unto our sovereign Lord the king of a plea that he render unto our said Lord the king the sum of one thousand pounds of lawfull money of England unto our said Lord the king he owed & unjustly detained &c.

And whereupon George Plater Attorney gen.ll who for our said Lord the king prosecuteth saith that the said Henry Smith at Somerset County aforesaid the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord 1698 at Somerset County aforesaid by his certaine bond or writing obligatory sealed with the seale of him the said Henry and here in Court produced whose date is the day & year aforesaid acknowledge himselfe to owe & stand indebted unto our Lord the king