Comand it Therefore given to the Sheriff of Anne Arundell County that he without delay
cause to come before the Justices of the Said County at their next Court to be held for the
County aforesaid at the Court house & port of Annapolis in Anne Arundell County aforesaid
the Twenty fifth day of May Instant Twenty pounds Sterling or Two hundred pounds of
Tobacco & Cask to be by them there and then to be received and taken for the use of the
Inhabitants of the Said County of Anne Arundell for the Building of a Court house & Prison
within the Said County of Anne Arundell & that he the Said Sheriff have then there the
Names of the Persons by whom the Said Twenty pounds Sterling or Two hundred pounds of
Tobacco & Cask shall be then and there received & taken & this Writt with his doings
therein to the Justices aforesaid at the Court aforesaid to Return

Witness Thomas Tench Esqr Chief Justice of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the
Twenty fifth day of March Anno Dom 1696 & in the Eighth Year of the Reign of our
Soveraign Lord William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France &
Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c

Thomas Tench Esqr Chief Justice

Test Jo: Bedford Cl: Cur:

Memorandum that on the Twenty fifth day of May Anno Dom 1696 Came before the Justices
of the Provincial Court at the Court house & Port of Annapolis in Anne Arundell County
aforesaid Thomas Tench Esqr Chief Justice of the Said Court & Henry Darnall Esqr
Commissioner of the Said Court & Edward Dorsey Esqr Commissioner of the Said Court
Benjamin Inman of St Marys County Gent Plaintiff against Andrew Robertson late of
the Province aforesaid Merchant Defendant in a Plea of Debt upon Bill & Assumpsit
Whereupon the Said Benjamin Inman by Thomas Laurence Esqr his Attorney Complained
that whereas the Said Andrew Robertson late of the Province aforesaid Merchant on the
Twenty fifth day of March Anno Dom 1695 at the Court house & Port of Annapolis in Anne
Arundell County aforesaid by his Bill Obligatory Sealed with his Seal & to the Court here
now shewed the Date whereof is the Day & Year aforesaid Acknowledged himself to be
Indebted to the Said Benjamin Inman in the Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling or Two
hundred pounds of Tobacco & Cask at the Election of the Said Andrew Robertson his
Executors or Administrators to be paid to the Said Benjamin Inman his Executors or
Administrators when he the Said Andrew Robertson his Executors or Administrators
should be thereunto required as by the Said Bill Obligatory Sealed with his Seal & to the
Court here now shewed the Date whereof is the Day & Year aforesaid Acknowledged
more fully & at large appears And whereas the Said Andrew Robertson afterwards to
wit on the Day & Year aforesaid at the Court house & Port of Annapolis in Anne Arundell
County aforesaid by his Bill Obligatory Sealed with his Seal & to the Court here now
shewed the Date whereof is the Day & Year aforesaid Acknowledged himself to be
Indebted to the Said Benjamin Inman in the Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling or Two
hundred pounds of Tobacco & Cask at the Election of the Said Andrew Robertson his
Executors or Administrators to be paid to the Said Benjamin Inman his Executors or
Administrators when he the Said Andrew Robertson his Executors or Administrators
should be thereunto required as by the Said Bill Obligatory Sealed with his Seal & to the
Court here now shewed the Date whereof is the Day & Year aforesaid Acknowledged more
fully & at large appears Yet the Said Andrew Robertson his Bills aforesaid & the Monies
therein mentioned to be paid to the Said Benjamin Inman his Executors or Administrators
in manner & form aforesaid to pay or cause to be paid hath not yet paid but the same to
pay hath altogether refused & still doth refuse to the Damage of the Said Benjamin Inman
as he Saith the Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling & Twenty Shillings Sterling & thereof he
brings Suit &c

And the Said Andrew Robertson by William Bladen his Attorney late Sheriff of Anne
Arundell County aforesaid Comes & Defends the Force & Injury when & where &c & Says
that he Owes the Said Benjamin Inman nothing by the Said Bills aforesaid or by any part
thereof in manner & form as the Said Benjamin Inman hath above Complained against him
& of this he puts himself upon the Country &c

And the Said Benjamin Inman doth the like &c

Therefore it is Considered that the Said Benjamin Inman do recover against the Said
Andrew Robertson his Damages by him about his Suit in this behalf Expended & the Said
Andrew Robertson in Mercy &c for his false Clamour & the Said William Bladen late
Sheriff of Anne Arundell County aforesaid Attorney of the Said Andrew Robertson in
this Suit in Mercy &c for his false Return & the Said Benjamin Inman in Mercy &c

It is Therefore Considered by the Justices here that the Said Benjamin Inman do recover
against the Said Andrew Robertson the Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling & Twenty
Shillings Sterling aforesaid & his Damages by the Said Benjamin Inman about his Suit in
this behalf Expended to be Assessed & the Said Andrew Robertson in Mercy &c for his
false Return aforesaid & the Said Benjamin Inman in Mercy &c

It is Therefore Considered by the Justices here that the Said Benjamin Inman do recover
against the Said Andrew Robertson the Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling & Twenty
Shillings Sterling aforesaid & his Damages by the Said Benjamin Inman about his Suit in
this behalf Expended to be Assessed & the Said Andrew Robertson in Mercy &c for his
false Return aforesaid & the Said Benjamin Inman in Mercy &c

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Thomas Tench Esqr
Chief Justice
of the Provincial Court

Maryland ss. At a Court held May 7th 1703

Be it Remembred that on the Seventh day of May 1703 came into Court Thomas Tench Esqr by Queen's Bench Bill & Attorney
& Exhibited to Her Majesty's Justices of the Said Court of this Province this
Certain Bill of Debt upon the Case ag[t] William Bladen Gent late Sheriff of Anne
Arundell County & one of the Attorneys of this Court there present in Court in his proper person & of the
Said late Sheriff & Attorney of Thomas Laurence Esqr late of Anne Arundell County
deed the Tenour of which Bill follows in these words

To Her Majesty's Justices of the Provincial Court

Be it remembred that Thomas Tench Esqr by William Bladen his Attorney came here
into Court the Seventh day of May 1703 & in the Second Year of Her Majesty's Reign & now
here Exhibited to the Court here this Certain Bill of Debt upon the Case ag[t]
William Bladen Gent late Sheriff of Anne Arundell County & one of the Attorneys of this Court there present in Court in his proper person
& of the Said late Sheriff & Attorney of Thomas Laurence Esqr late of Anne Arundell County deceased
this Province now deed for that whereas the Said Thomas Tench Esqr the Eighth day of

May 1696

May 1696 at a Provincial Court held at the Court house & Port of Annapolis in Anne Arundell County
before the Honble Coll: John Hammond & his associates in an Accon of the Case wherein the Said Thomas
Tench Esqr was Plaintiff ag[t] a certain Benjamin Inman of St Marys County Gent Defendt
by the Consideration of the Said Court recovered ag[t] the Said Benjamin as well the Summe
of twenty pounds Eighteen Shillings Sterling as also the Summe of
Twenty pounds of Tobo adjudged by the Said Court to him the Said Tench
for his Cost & Charges in the Prosecuting & obtaining the Said Judgm[t] Said out & Expended
And whereas Sr Thomas Laurence late at the time of & long before & after was Commissionated
& sealed by their Late Ma[ties] King William & Queen Mary late King & Queen of England &c
of Happy Memory Secretary of this Province & had retained in his Service a
certain Henry Wrightson Esqr to the use then of the Said Sr Thomas Laurence as per his
Commission ready to be Shewed of the Said Provincial Court & to enter the Judgm[t] in the Said Court
given upon Record of the Said Court But for that the Said Clerk had by great Negligence
& Carelessness omitted to Enter the recovery of the Said Debt & Costs afore in the Said Suit
the same & usually & Legal Process of the Said Debt & Costs aforesaid Because of the Absence of the
Said Thomas Tench Esqr for obtaining the Same of Sable Office & sueing out & Executing
of the Said Debt & Costs aforesaid the Said Thomas Laurence Esqr who by Oath the Twenty day of May
1700 & afterwards acted in this Province as Register of the Said Sr Thomas as Secretary
aforesaid in fact receiving & paying the Debts & Getting the Debts & accompanying Causes of
the Said Sr Thomas) being fully Seized did in his Lifetime & during the Time he was his Agent for the
Said Sr Thomas his Patron as aforesaid at the Court house & Port of Annapolis in Anne Arundell County
the Fourth day of May 1700 aforesaid for & in Consideration that the Said Thomas Tench Esqr
would forbear & not bring his Accon at Law ag[t] the Said Sr Thomas Laurence & his Executors
for recovering his damage & by him Sustained through the Negligent Carriage & Omission of the Said
Sr Thomas's Clerk of the Prov[l] Court as aforesaid did then & there assume upon himself &
to the Said Thomas Tench Esqr faithfully promise & that in Case the Said Thomas Tench Esqr
could not recover by Law ag[t] the Said Inman the Said Debt & Costs & to him ag[t] the Said
Benj[a] adjudged as aforesaid that then the Said Thomas Laurence soon & pay the Said
Judg[t] & Costs to the Said Tho: Tench Esqr when he the Said Thomas Laurence thereunto
there unto required And the Said Thomas Tench Esqr in fact saith that he the Said Great Negligent
Commission of the Said Clerk of the Prov[l] Court as aforesaid in not duly
Legally Entring the Judgm[t] aforesaid upon the recovery aforesaid could not recover by Law there
fore & for no other cause whatsoever any ways Touching the Said Debt or either from the Said Benj[a]
Inman in his Lifetime or of Elizabeth Inman his Administratrix Executors or Administrators but that he the Said
Thomas Tench remains altogether unsatisfyed of the Said Debt & Costs aforesaid & the Said Thos
Laurence in his Lifetime his promises & Assumptions aforesaid made in the Regarding but

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