John Dorsey altho solemnly Called Comes not but makes Default
Whereby the Said plaintiffs remaines ag^t the^s Defendant wholy undo
fended Therefore it Considered by the Justices here ye [illegible] day of
September Anno Dom 1716 aff that the Said [illegible] recover ag^t the^s
John Dorsey [illegible] Summe of two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound
Merchantable Leafe tobacco and Casque [illegible] Debt aff [illegible]
[illegible] and the Defendant in Mercy &c^a

Maryland ss

Mr WB William Bladen for Maj^ty
GW John Rattenburry

John Rattenburry late of Baltimore County
Chirurgeon otherwise Called Jno Rattenburry of
Baltimore County in the province aff^d was Summoned
to Answer unto William Bladen Eq^r Atty General
of our Lord the King that now is who for our Said Lord the
King prosecutes the said John of plea that he
render unto our^s Said Lord the King the full and Just
Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good
Sound Merchantable leafe tobacco and Casque which to
his Said Ma^ty he owetth and from him unjustly detaines &c

And whereupon the Said William Bladen his Majesties Attorney
General who for our said Lord the King in this Behalfe prosecutes Saith
that whereas the aforesaid Jno Rattenburry the fifth day of Novem^br in the
Twelfth year of the Reigne of our late Soveraigne Lady the Queen Anno of
Blessed Memory in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and
thirteen at Baltimore County by his Certaine Writeing Obligatory sealed
with the Seale of the said Jno and here into Court brought the date
whereof is ye day and Year aff^d had Acknowledged himself to be held and
firmly bound unto our Said Soveraigne Lady the Queen in the full and
Just Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchan
table Leafe tobacco and Casque to be paid to the said Lady the Queen her
heirs and Successors when he should be thereunto required, To ye which
Payment well and Truely to be made ye aff^d John Bound himself his
heirs Ex^rs and Adm^rs by the^s writeing Obligatory. Nevertheless ye said John
the aff^d full and Just Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good
Sound Merchantable Leafe tobacco and Casque at the day herein therefore required
to our Said late Lady the Queen in her Lifetime or to our Said Lord the King
her Successor Since her decease hath not rendred but the same to him to
render hitherto hath gainsayd and Still doth gainsay and unjustly
detaine

detaine to the Damage of our Said Lord the King of four hundred thousand
pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leafe tobacco and Casque and this for
our Said Lord the King the said Atty General is ready to Verifie &c^a

W Bladen

And the said Jno Rattenburry by George Mitchelton his Atty Comes and Defends
the force and Injury when &c^a and prayes Oyer of ye writing Obligatory aff^d &
it is read unto him in these words &c^a — The Condition of the above obliga
tion is Such that if ye above bounden Jno Dorsey do well and truely Serve her
Said Majestie her heirs and Successors in the office of high Shreff of ye County
of Baltimore within ye province aforesaid and also shall render unto her
Said Majestie and other her officers a true faithfull and perfect acc^t
of all and Singular her Said Majesties Rights and dues and to her officers a
true and Just acc^t of their fees that he shall or may be Entrusted with
by her Majesties Governr and other her officers within this province
to receive and Collect and his acc^t to her Ma^ty Majestie her heirs and Successors
to her and their Governour there for the time being for ye Fines and forfeitures
and other dues belonging to her Said Majesties Governour as also his acc^t
of all fees dues and Summes of money or tobacco for Services or fees due to any
her Majesties officers and other good people within this province shall pay aff^d
accounts of by the Tenth day of April next Ensueing the date hereof And in
all things as Sherriffe of the county of Baltimore shall behave himself well &
honestly towards all persons according to the best of his power Skill and know
ledge — Then this Obligation to be Void and of noe Effect or Else to Stand in
full force Strength & Vertue

Wich being read and heard the said Jno Rattenburry by his Atty aff^d prayes leave
to Imparle hereunto untill next court and he hath it and ye Same day is given
to the aff^d William Bladen his Said Majesties Atty Generall who for his Said
Majestie in this behalfe prosecutes also. All which Said next Court to wit
ye first day of May Anno Dom: 1716 Comes againe as well ye Said William
Bladen his Majesties Said Atty Generall as the said Jno Rattenburry
by his Atty aff^d and the said John Rattenburry by his Atty prayes further
leave to Imparle hereunto untill next court and he hath it and ye Same
day is given to the Said William Bladen who &c^a also. All which Said next
Court to wit ye 3^d day of July Anno Dom 1716 Comes againe as well ye
Said William Bladen his Majesties Said Atty Generall as ye Said John
Rattenburry by his Atty aff^d and ye Said John Rattenburry by his Said
Atty