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 Esq who for his Said Majesty in this behalfe prosecuteth also All which Said next Court to wittt ye 11th day of September Anno Domi 1716 Cam Comes againe as well ye Said William Bladen his Majesties Atty Generall and prayes ye Said John Rattenbury to his declaration in the plea aft mayd soon but ye Said John Rattenbury All this Sollemnly Called Comes not but makes default whereby the Said Plaintiffe remaines ag the Said Defendt wholly undefended Therefore it is considered by the Justices herein 11 day of September Anno Domi 1716 that the Said [illegible] recover ag the said John Rattenbury ye Sume of two hundred thous: pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leafe tobo and Casque the Debt aft [illegible] and the Defendt in mercy &c

FNWB William Bladen for Majesty Maryland Ballemore County Court Office Joshua Dorsey late of Ballemore County in the province aforesd was Summoned to answer unto William Bladen Esq Attorney Generall of our Lord the King prosecuteth the Said Joshua of a plea that he render unto our Said Lord ye King ye full and Just Debt Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable Leafe tobacco and Casque which to his said Majestie he oweth & from him unjustly detaineth &c

GJN Joshua Dorsey

And thereupon the Same William Bladen his Majesties Atty Generall who for our Said Lord the King in this Behalfe prosecuteth Saith ye wherease ye aft Joshua Dorsey ye fifth day of November in the year of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lady Anne (of Blessed Memory) & in the year of our Lord Christ Seven hundred and thirteen at Ballemore County by his Certaine writing Obligatory Sealed with the Seale of ye Said Joshua and here into Court brought the date whereof is the day and year last had acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto our Said Soveraigne Lady the Queen in ye full and Just Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable 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 aft Joshua bound himself his heirs Ex and Adm by the Said

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Writeing Obligatory Nevertheless the Said Joshua ye aft full and Just Sume of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable Leafe tobacco and Casque all the of Longthereto required to our Said Lady the Queen in her Lifetime or to the Said Lord ye King her Successor since her decease hath not rendred but ye same to him to render hath gainsayed and still doth gainsay and unjustly detaine to ye Damage of our Said Lord ye King of four hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leafe tobacco and Casque and this for our Said Lord ye King thos Atty Generall is ready to verifie &c. W Bladen

And the said Joshua Dorsey Gent Middleton his Atty Comes and defends the force and Injury when &c and prayes Oyer of the writeing obligatory aft And it is read unto him he also prayes a hearing of the Condition of the Said Writeing Obligatory And it is read unto him in those words Viz

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that if ye above bounden John Dorsey do well and truely serve her Said Majestie her heirs and Successors in ye Office of high Shriff of ye Coty of Baltimore within ye province aft And shall render unto her Said Majesty and other her Officers a true faithfull and perfect account of all fees and Singular her Said Majesties Rights and duetes and to her officers a true and Just account of their fees that he shall or may be Entrusted with by her Majesties Governr & other her Officers within this province to receive and Collect and his Account to her Said Majestie her heirs and Successors and to her and their Governour there for the time being all ye fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to her Said Majesties Governour as also his acc of all fees dues & Sumes of money or tobacco for Levyes or fees due to any her Majesties Officers and other good people within this province shall pass and acct of the tenth day of Sept next Ensuing the date hereof and in all other things as sheriff of ye County of Baltimore shall behave himself well and honestly towards all persons according to ye 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 & Vertue

Which being read and heard ye Said Joshua Dorsey by his Atty aft prayed leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and ye same day is given to the Said William Bladen his Said Majesties Atty Generall who for his Said Majesty in this behalfe prosecuteth also All which Said Next Court to wittt ye first day of May Anno Domi 1716 Comes again as well ye Said William Bladen his Majesties Said Atty Generall as ye Said Joshua Dorsey by his Atty aft All ye Said Joshua Dorsey by his Said Atty prayes further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and ye same day is given

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