The Same day is given to the Said William Bladen his Lordships Atty Genl
who for his Said Lordship in this behalfe prosecutes also — All which
Next Court to wittt the day of April Anno Domi 1717 Comes the Said William Bladen
his Lordships Atty Genl who for his Said Lordship in this behalfe prosecutes
and prayes that the Defdt Benjamin Wailes to his Decldn in the plea aforesaid
Answer the Said Benjamin Wailes allias Solomon Called Carroll
Gent makes Default whereby the Said plaintiffe remaines ag the Defdt
Wholy undefended Therefore it is Considered by the Justices
here the 9th day of April Anno Domini 1717 That the Said William
Bladen Esq his Lordships Said Attorney Genll who for his Said Lordship
in this behalfe prosecutes recovert ag the Said Benjamin Wailes Defdt the
Summe of three hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound Merchantable
Leaf tobacco and Cask his debt and as also the Summe of
pounds of tobacco by the Court here adjudged
unto him for his costs and Damages Sustained by Occasion of Detaining
the Same debt and the Defendant in Mercy &c. - - - -

Ex Pte

William Bladen for his Lordship Maryland } Charles Ball and
late of Somerset County Gent als dict Charles
Ball of Somerset County and in the province
aforesaid Gent was Summoned to Answer unto
William Bladen Esq Atty Genll of his Lordship
the Lord proprietarie &c who for his Said Lordship in
this behalfe Prosecuteth ag the Said Charles Ballard &c
plea that he render unto his Said Lordship the Lord proprty
the full Summe & just Quantity of three hundred thousand pounds
of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf tobacco & Cask which to his Said
Lordship the Lord Proprty he oweth and unjustly detaineth &c

Nil Whereupon the Said William who for his Lordship the Lord
proprietarie prosecuteth saith that whereas the Said Charles the four twentyth day
of Feby in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and fifteen at
Somerset County aforesd by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged him
: self to be bound and firmly bound to his Said Lordship the Lord Proprty by
the name of his Lordship Charles Absolute Lord and proprty by the Name of
his Lordship Charles Absolute Lord and Proprty &c in the aforesd three hundred
thousand pounds of tobacco to be paid to his Said Lordship his heirs & Successors
wherever afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesd Charles
Ballard the allio of him required the aforesd Summe of three hundred thousand pounds
of tobacco to his Said Lordship the Lord Proprty hath not yet rendred but the same
to him hitherto to render the Said Charles Ballard hath altogether refused &

Still

Still doth refuse and unjustly detaine to the Damage of the Said Lord Proprty
three hundred thousand pounds
of tobacco and this for the Said Lord Proprty he is ready to Verifie and brings here
into Court the writeing Obligatory aforesd which testifies the debt aforesd in form as aforesd
whose date is the same day and Year above Sd —

And the Said Charles Ballard by his Attey Comes and Defends the force &
Injury when &c and prayes a hearing of the ~~Condition~~ writeing Obligatory aforesd 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 these words following viz The Condition
: on of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Charles Ballard do
well and truely Serve his Lordship his heirs and Successors in the Office of High
Sheriffe of the County of Somerset within this province aforesd and Office
render unto his Said Lordship and other his Officers a true and perfitt Sett 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 Lordship Governour and other his Officers within
this province to receive and Collect and his accounts so to the Said Lord Proprty his
heirs and Successors and to his Governour there for the time being for the
fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to his Said Lordship
Governour as also his acct of all fees and and Summes of money or tobacco
for Lawyers fees and to any his Lordships Officers and other good people
within this province shall pay and account for the 10th day April next
Ensueing the date hereof and in all other things as Sheriff of the County
of Somerset Shall behave himselfe Just and Honestly towards all Persons
according to the best of his power Skill and knowledge Then this Obligation
to be void and of noe Effect or Else to stand in full force Strength and Vertue
Which being read and heard the Said Charles Ballard by his Atty
Comes and Defends the force and Injury when &c and prayes Leave to
Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given
to the Said William Bladen his Lordships Atty Genll who for his Said Lordship
in this behalfe prosecutes also — All which Said next Court to wittt the 9th
day of Aprill Anno Domi 1717 Comes the William Bladen his Lordships Atty
Genll who for his Said Lordship in this behalfe prosecutes and prayes that
the Said Charles Ballard to his Declaration in the plea aforesd in manner
but the Said Charles Ballard alias Solomon Called Comes not but makes Default
whereby the Said plaintiffe remaines ag the Defdt wholy undefended
Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 9th day of Aprill Anno Domi
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