Domini 1718 Come againe as well y^e^ W^m^ Bladen Esq^r^ Attorney Gen^ll^ as y^e^ Defend^t^ by his Attorney afs^d^ to the Said Defendant by his Said Attorney Als^s^ prays a hearing of the Writt whereon the Said W^m^ Bladen hath as above declared ag^t^ him the Said John Brome in the plea afs^d^ and it is read unto him in these words Viz^t^: Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of y^e^ Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^t^ To the Sheriff of Calvert County Greeting We Command You that You take John Brome of Calvert County Gent^n^ High Sheriff of the Same County Otherwise Called John Brome of Calvert County in y^e^ Province afs^d^ Gentleman if he Shall be found in Your Bailywick and him Safe keep So that You have his Body before the Justices of our Prov^ll^ Court to be held at annapolis y^e^ Second Tuesday of September next to answer unto W^m^ Bladen Esq^r^ our Attorney Generall of this Province of a plea that he render unto us the full & Just Quantity of two hundred thousand ps of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco & Cask which to us he oweth and unjustly detaineth &c^t^ whereof he saith he is damnified & has damage to the value of Five thousand pounds Sterling & have You then and there this Writt Witness W^m^ Holland Esq^r^ Chief Justice of our Said Court y^e^ 18^th^ Day of April in y^e^ Second Year of our Dom^n^ &c^t^ Anno Dni 1717.

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Heal^s^ prays a hearing of the endorsement thereof and it is read unto him in these Words Viz^t^ (Viz^t^) Mem^d^ the within Writt is Sued at the request of Maurice Birchfield Esq^r^ on behalf of his Majesty George by the Grace of God of Great Britain &c^t^ now King

Test J^o^ Beale Cl

Which being read & heard the Same John Brome Saith that the afs^d^ W^m^ Bladen who for his Said Lordship y^e^ Lord Proprietary prosecuteth y^e^ Action and ag^t^ him to have ought not because he Saith that he the Said John Brome hath well & truly Served his Lordship in y^e^ Office of High Sheriff of the County of Calvert within the Province afores^d^ and in all things well and faithfully Executed the Same office and also hath rendred unto his S^d^ Lordship a true faithfull & perfect acco^t^ of all & Singular his Lordships rights & dues and to his officers a true & Just account of their fees that he hath been entrusted with by his Lordships Governour and other his officers within this Province to render & Collect and his Said Acc^ts^ to his Said Lordship and to his Governour thereof for the time being for the fines forfeitures and other dues belonging to his Said Lordships Governour as also his Acc^ts^ of all Such and Sums of Money and Tob^o^ due to any of the Good People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money and Tob^o^ wherewith he the Said Sheriff hath been entrusted during the time of his Sherriffalty for that present and to Such of them as have required the Same hath passed & rendred by the tenth day of May then next ensuing the date thereof and in all things as Sheriff of y^e^ County of Calvert hath behaved himself well & honestly towards (all)

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all persons according to the best of his power Skill & Knowledge at Calvert County afs^d^ and y^e^ S^d^ John Brome Saith that he hath always from the time of the making the writing Obligatory afs^d^ untill the Day of the Issuing y^e^ Writt in y^e^ plea afs^t^ whereon the Same W^m^ Bladen hath as above declared ag^t^ the Same John Brome (viz^t^) y^e^ eighteenth day of April Anno Dom^i^ Seventeen Hundred and Seventeen well & truly observed performed fullfilled paid & kept all & Singular the Covenants Grants Articles payments Conditions and agreem^ts^ whatsoever in the Condition afs^d^ above Specifyed on y^e^ part of him the Same John Brome to be observed performed fullfilled paid & kept according to the form & effect of that Condition to wit at Calvert County afs^d^ And this he is ready to Verifye wherefore he prays Judgement if y^e^ afs^d^ W^m^ Bladen Esq^r^ the Action afs^d^ ag^t^ him to have ought &c^t^.

But the Said William Bladen Esq^r^ Attorney Generall as afs^d^ altho^s^ Solemnly called Comes not nor does he further prosecute the Writt in the plea afs^d^ ag^t^ the Said John Brome.

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 16^th^ day of September Anno Dni 1718 afs^d^ that the Said William Bladen Esq^r^ his Lordships Said Attorney Generall who for his Said Lordship in this behalf prosecuteth as afs^d^ take Nothing by the Writt afs^d^ and that the Said John Brome go thereof without Day: And Also it is considered by the Justices here that the Said John Brome recover against Maurice Birchfield (at whose request the Action afs^d^ was brought) the Sum of _____ pounds of Tobacco by the Court here adjudged unto him for his Costs & Charges by him about his Defence in this behalf Said out & expended According to the form of the Act of Assembly in that Case made & provided &c^t^.

In W^m^ Bladen Esq^r^ for his Lordship of Maryland &c^a^ William Smith of Calvert County Gent^n^ otherwise Called

B William Smith - - - - William Smith of Calvert County in the province aforesaid Gentleman was Summoned to answer unto William Bladen Esq^r^ Attorney Generall of y^e^ Right Honble y^e^ Lord Proprietary of a plea that he render unto the S^d^ Lord Proprietary the full and Just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which to the Said Lord Proprietary he oweth and unjustly detaineth &c^t^.

And whereupon the Said William Bladen who for his Lordship prosecuteth Saith That Whereas the Said William Smith the fourteenth day of January Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and fifteen at Ann^e^ County by his Certain writing Obligatory did grant himself to be held and firmly bound unto his Said Lordship the Lord Proprietary in the Quantity of two hundred (thousand)