of the Making the writing obligatory aforetill day of the Issuing of
Writt in the plea aforewhereon the Same Wm Bladen hath as above
declared agt the Same Wm Smith (wch day of Eighteenth day of April
Anno Dom Seventeen hundred and Seventeen well and truly observed
performed fullfilled paid and kept all and Singular the Covenants
Grants Articles payments Conditions and agreements whatsoever in
the Condition aforesd above Specifyed on the part & behalfe of him the Same William
Smith to be observed performed fullfilled paid and kept according to the
form and Effect of that Condition to wit at Calvert County aforesd and
this he is ready to Verifye wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesd
Wm Bladen Esq: the Action aforesd agt him to have Ought &c.

But the Said William Bladen Attorney Generall as aforesaid altho
Solemnly called comes not nor does he further prosecute the Writt in
the plea aforesd against the Said William Smith

Therefore it is considered by the Justices here the 16th day of
September Anno Dmi 1718 aforesd that the Said Wm Bladen Esq his Lord-
ships said Attorney Generall who for his Said Lordships in this behalf
prosecuteth as aforesd take Nothing by the Writt aforesd and that the Said William
Smith go thence of without day — & — And also it is considered by the
Justices here that the Said Wm Smith recover against the Said Maurice
Birchfield (at whose request the Action aforesd 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 laid out and expended according to the form of the Act
of Assembly in that Case made and provided &c. & —

Mr Maurice Birchfield Esq who follo: for his Majesty

Mr John Brome

Maryland ss John Brome of Calvert County Gent was Summoned to answer unto Maurice Birchfield Esq who follows for our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c of a plea wherefore he took a certain Negro Man of our Said Sovereign Lord the King and him unjustly detained agt Sureties and pledges &c.

And Whereupon the Same Maurice Birchfield who follows for our Said Lord the King by Thomas Macnemara his Attorney Complains that the aforesd John Brome the tenth day of August Anno Dom Seventeen hundred and Sixteen at Calvert County took one Negro Man Named Killah of the price of thirty pounds Sterling the proper Negro of our Said Sovereign Lord the King and him unjustly detained against Sureties and pledges untill &c Whereupon the Sd Maurice Birchfield for our Sd Lord the King Saith that the Said Lord our King is the worse and hath Cost to the Value of Sixty pounds Sterling and thereof he for our Sd Lord y King brings the Suit &c

Pledges of Suet Jno Doe
Richd Roe

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At which Said next Court (to wit) the 15th day of July Anno Dom 1718 Come again as well the Said Maurice Birchfield Esq who &c by his Attorney aforesd as the Said John Brome by his Attorney aforesd and the Said Jn Brome by his Said Attorney & prays further Leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court & he hath it & the Same Day is given to the Sd Maurice Birchfield Esq: who &c Also.

At which Said next Court (to wit) the 16th day of September Anno Dom 1718 Come again as well the Said Maurice Birchfield Esq who &c by his Attorney aforesd as the Said John Brome by his Attorney aforesd and the Said John Brome by his Said Attorney as before defends the force & Injury when &c and Saith the Said Maurice Birchfield Esq his Action aforesd against him to have ought not because he Saith that at the time wherein the Exploit aforesd is above Supposed to be made and Long before the the Said John was Sheriff of Calvert County Lawfully and duly Commissionated appointed admitted and Sworn according to the Laws and Customs of this Province Maryland and that a Certain Thomas Macnemara Esqr Attorney at Law the said Long before and Since practising in the Provincial Court of this Province on the behalf of our Sovereign Lord King George of Great Brittain &c on the Ninth Day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixteen Sued out of this Said Lordships Provincial Court his Lordships Certain Writt to y then Sheriff of Calvert County aforesd (being the Said John Brome directed wch follows in these words viz: & — Maryland ss Charles absolute Lord and proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c To the Sheriff of Calvert County Greeting Whereas at a Provincial Court of William the third of Glorious Memory late King of England Scotland France and Ireland held at the Port of Annapolis for y Province of Maryland before the Honble John Hammond Esq and his Associates then Justices of y Sd Court on y Fifteenth day of May in y Eighth Year of y Soveign of y Sd Late King and in y Year of our Lord God Sixteen hundred Ninety Six the Sd Late King by Consideration of the Same Court did then and there recover agt Henry Mitchell Late of this Province otherwise called Henry Mitchell of Calvert County Gent the Sum of forr thousand pounds Sterl a certain Debt wherein y Said Henry Mitchell is Convict as by the record and proceedings thereof remaining in our Provincial Court of the Province of Maryland before our Justices of our Provincial Court at y City of Annapolis Manifestly appears And whereas the Said Late King Wm (wch is Since deceased whom our Late Sovereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God of Great (Brittain)