And Whereupon the Same William Bladen who for the Said Lord the King in this behalf prosecuteth Saith that Whereas the aforesaid John Boz=man father of the Said William Bozman whose heir the Said William Bozman is, in his life time the fifth day of November in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and Nine at Somerset County by his Certain Writing Obligatory granted himself to be holden to our Late Sovereign Lady Queen Anne &c. in the aforesaid two hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid her Said Late Majesty her heirs and Successors when he Should be afterwards thereto required and to which payment well and truly to be made he did bind himself and his heirs by the Writings aforesaid Never=the less the aforesaid John Bozman in his life time and the afores: William Bozman Son and heir of the aforesaid John Bozman after the death of the Same John Bozman altho often required the aforesaid two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to her Said Late Majesty her heirs or Successors or to any of them hath not Yet rendred but the Same to them nor any of them hitherto to render hath altogether refused, and the Same William Bozman the Same to Still doth refuse and unjustly detain the Same to render to the Damage of the Lord the King the know is two hundred thous= =and pounds of the like Tobacco and Cask and this for the Said Lord the King the Said William Bladen is ready to Verifye &c. And brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid which testifies the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid whose date is the Same day and Year aforesaid &c.

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that if the above bound John Bozman do well and truely Serve her Said Majesty her heirs and Successors in the office of High Sheriff of Somersett County in the Province aforesd and alsо Shall render unto her Said Majesty and other her officers a true faithfull and perfect account of all and Singular her Said Majesty rights and dues and to her officers a true and Just account of their fees that he Shall or may be entrusted with by her Majesty Governour and other her officers within the Province to receive and Collect and his Accots to her Said Majty her heirs and Successors and to her & their Governour thereof for the time being for the fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to her Said Majestys Governour as alsо his Account of all fees dues and Sumes of Money or Tobacco for bovies or fees due to any her Majesty Officers and other good people within this Province Shall pass an Account of by the tenth day of April next ensuing the date hereof and all other things as Sheriff of the County of Somersett Shall behave himself well and honestly towards all persons according to the best of his power Skill and knowledge that then this obligation to be Void and of no effect or else to Stand in full Strength and Vertue.

And the Said Wm Bozman Son and heir as aforesd by Thomas Bordley his Attorney Comes & defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court & he hath it and the Same day is given to the Said Wm Bladen Esq. who &c. Alsо.

All which Said next Court to will the 16th day of July Anno Dom 1718 Come again as well the Said Wm Bladen Esq. who &c. as the Said William Bozman Son and heir as aforesd by his Attorney aforesd and the Said Bozman by his Said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court & he hath it & the Same day is given to the Said Wm Bladen Esq. who &c. Alsо.

All which Said next Court to will the 16th day of September Anno Dom 1718 Come again as well the Said Wm Bladen Esq. who &c. as the Said William Bozman Son and heir as aforesd by his Attorney aforesd and the Said William Bozman by his Said Attorney Alsо prays a hearing of the Writt whereon the Same Wm Bladen hath as above declared ag[t] the Same Wm Bozman in the plea aforesaid and it is read unto him in these words to wit viz: Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron [redacted] &c. To the Sheriff of Somersett County Greeting We Command You that You take William Bozman Late of Somersett County planter Son & heir of John Bozman Late of the Same County in the province of Maryland Gent & other=wise Lately called John Bozman of Somersett County in the province aforesd if he Shall be found in Your Bailywick and him Safe keep So that You have his Body before the Justices of our Prov[l] Court to be held at Annapolis the Second Tuesday of April next to answer unto William Bladen Esq. Attorney General of the Lord the King that now is &c. of a plea that he render unto the Said Lord the King two hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound Merchan=table Leaf Tobacco and Cask which to the Said Lord the King he unlawfully detaines &c. Hereof fail not at Your peril and have you there this Writt Witness Wm Holland Esq. Chief Justice of our Said Court the 6th day of October in the Second Year of our Dominion &c. Anno Dom 1717 John Beale Clerk, He also prays a hearing of the Endorsement thereof and it is read unto him in these Words Viz: Mr the within Deft is sued at the request of Henry Darnall Atty in fact for Mary Lady Baltemore Extx of the testament of the Hon[ble] Charles Late Lord Baltemore deced — — — — — — — — — — Test J Beale Clk

Which being read and heard the Same Wm Bozman Saith that the aforesd Wm Bla=den Esq who for his Said Majesty in this behalf prosecuteth the Action aforesd against him to have ought not because he Saith that the Same John Bozman in the Condi=tion aforesd above mentioned hath well & truely Served her Majesty in the office of High Sheriff of Somersett County in the Province aforesd and alsо hath rendred unto her Said Majty and other her officers a true faithfull and perfect account of all & Singular her Majestys rights and dues & to her officers a true and Just account of their fees that he hath been entrusted with by her Majestys Governour and other her Officers within the province to receive and Collect and his accots to her Majesty

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