and to her Governour thereof for y^e time being for y^e fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to her said Maj^ty Governour as also his Acc^t of all fees dues & sums of Money or Tob^o for levies or fees due to any her Majestys Officers and other Good people within this Province and also hath passed an Account by the tenth day of April then next ensuing the date of the same Writing Obligatory and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Somerset hath behaved himself well & honestly towards all persons according to the best of his power skill and knowledge at Somerset County aforesaid and to the said Wm Bozman saith that he hath always from the time of y^e making the writing Obligatory aforesaid until the Day of the Issuing the Writt in the plea aforesaid whereon the same Wm Bladen hath as above declared ag^t y^e same Wm Bozman viz^t the Eighth Day of October Anno Dom^i Seventeen hundred & Seventeen well & truly observed performed fulfilled paid & kept all & Singular the Covenants Grants Articles Payments Conditions & Agreements whatsoever in the Condition aforesaid above Specifyed on y^e part and behalf of the same Wm Bozman to be observed performed fulfilled paid & kept according to y^e form and effect of that Condition to wit at Somerset County aforesaid And this he is ready to Verifye wherefore he prays Judgm^t if the aforesaid Wm Bladen Esq^r the action aforesaid ag^t him to have ought &c^a

Whereupon the said William Bladen Esq^r who for the Action aforesaid against the said William Bozman Son and Heir as aforesaid do not prosecute with effect but Voluntarily suffered the Suit to be discontinued Therefore by the discretion of the Justices here the 16^th day of September Anno Dom^i 1718 it is adjudged that the said William Bozman Son and Heir as aforesaid & Capt Henry Darnall Gent^r at whose Request the Action aforesaid was brought for his Cost and Charges by him about his defence in this part Sustained according to the form of the Statute in such Cases Lately made and provided and the said Henry Darnall in Mercy and that the said William Bozman Son and Heir as aforesaid have therefor Execution &c^a

Wm Benjamin Tasker admin^r of Wm Bladen Esq^r — Maryland ss

William Clayland — William Clayland of Talbot County Gent^n was attached to answer unto Benjamin Tasker Adm^r of all and Singular the Goods & Chattels Rights and Credits which were of William Bladen late of the City of Annapolis Esq^r deced of a plea of Trespass upon the Case —

And whereupon the same Benjamin by Thomas Bordley his Attorney Complains that whereas the said William Clayland on the tenth day of June Anno Dom^i Seventeen hundred & Eighteen at Ann Arundell County was indebted to the same William Bladen in the Sum of twenty one thousand Seven hundred (and)

and thirty four pounds of Tobacco being so much of the Said William Bladen in his life time and divers other persons to the Use of the same William Bladen by the aforesaid William Clayland before that time had and received And being so thereof indebted the same William Clayland in Consideration thereof upon himself Assumed and to the same William Bladen then and there faithfully promised that he the same William Clayland the aforesaid twenty one thousand Seven hundred and thirty four pounds of Tobacco to the said William Bladen when thereto he should be afterwards required would well and truly Content and pay — Nevertheless the said William Clayland his promise and assumption aforesaid not regarding but minding and fraudulently intending the same William Bladen in this behalf craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the said twenty one thousand Seven hundred and thirty four pounds of Tobacco nor any part thereof to the same William Bladen in his Life time nor to the said Benjamin Tasker to whom administracon of all and Singular the Goods and Chattells Rights and Credits which were of the same William Bladen at the time of his Death in due form of Law was granted on the day of Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & Eighteen aforesaid by Thomas Bordley Esq^r Comm^r Gen^l of the Province of Maryland Since the Death of the said William and to either of them hath not paid nor in any wise Contented tho so to do the said William Clayland afterwards to wit the tenth day of September Anno Dom^i Seventeen hundred and Eighteen aforesaid & often afterwards at Ann Arundell County aforesaid By the same Benjamin Tasker hath been required But the same to the said Wm in his Life time or to the said Benjamin Since his Death to pay hath altogether refused and y^e same to the said Benjamin to pay still doth refuse Whereupon he Saith that he is the worse & has Loss to the Value of Forty thousand pounds of Tobacco and thereof he brings this Suit &^a and he brings here into Court the Letters of Administration of y^e s^d Thomas Bordley whereby &c^a

Pl^ges John Doe
Rich^d Roe

Whereupon the said William Clayland in his own proper person Comes and defends the force and Injury when &^c and Says that the Court here the Plaintiff his Action aforesaid against him brought & not Can he Say but that the said Plaintiff ought to recover his Damages by reason of the Detaining the Sum of twenty one thousand Seven hundred & thirty four pounds of Tobacco and Costs of Suit by him which the said Plaintiff does not Gainsay —

Therefore it is considered by the Justices here the 16^th day of September Anno Domini 1718 &^a that the said Benjamin Tasker Adm^r &^a recover against the said Wm Clayland the Sum of twenty one thousand Seven hundred & thirty four pounds of Tobacco his Damages occasioned by the premises aforesaid as also the Sum of pounds of Tobacco by the Court here adjudged unto him for his assessed for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the Defendant in Mercy &^a

Wm William Blackburne — Memor^d the plaintiff sued out his Lordships writt of
Richard Smith — Charles absolute Lord and Proprietarie of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &^c To the Sheriff of Calvert County Greeting We Command You that you attach any the Goods & Chattels Rights or Credits of Richard Smith Merch^t Son and heir at Law to Richard

(Smith)