persons according to the best of his Power Skill and Knowledge And this the said Daniel & Elizabeth are ready to verify and therefore prays if the said Attorney Genral the Action aft against them to Have and Maintain Ought &c

And the said Attorney Genral of the said Lord proprty for the said Lord the King Saith that by any thing pleadged from Maintaining the Action aft he Ought not to be barred because protesting that the said Thomas Dent hath not Observed performed Fulfilled or Kept any the Articles Conditions Clauses or things in the Condition aforesaid Specified for plea Saith that the said Thomas Continued Sheriff of Charles County after the thirteenth day of August Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred & twelve in the plea aft Mentioned to wit until the twenty fifth day of June Anno Dom Seventeen hundred and fourteen at Charles County aft and the said Attorney Gen: Saith that the Honble Edward Lloyd late of Talbot County Esqr Dead in his life time to wit on the tenth day of June Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred & Ten was one of the Officers of late Royall Majesty Queen Anne & within this province that is to say President of the said late Majesties Council & Commander in Chief and Chancellor of the same Province and Keeper of the great Seal thereof and Continued in the same offices from the said Tenth day of June until the tenth Day of April Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred and fourteen and the said Edward Lloyd the ten the day of November Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred twelve had Fees and Dues that Arose due to him by Law on the said Edward his Exercising the Several Offices aforementioned from Sundry her Majesty Subjects to the Sum of four thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Nine pounds of Tobacco with the Collection whereof he the said Edward Lloyd did then and there intrust the said Thomas Dent as Sheriff of the County aft and the said Attorney Genral further Saith that the said Thomas Dent by Occasion of his Office of Sheriff aft in the Condition above Mentioned and by Virtue thereof on the Tenth day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred & thirteen received Several Quantitys of Tobacco of Diverse persons for fees and Other dues belonging to the said Edward Lloyd in right of his Several Offices aforementioned viz: at Charles County

which said Several Sums so as aft received in the whole Amount to the Quantity of four thousand seven hundred and Twenty Nine pounds of Tobacco and that altho he the said Thomas paid unto the said Edward Lloyd four thousand pounds of Tobacco part thereof According to the Duty of his Office aft Nevertheless as the Sum of seven hundred and twenty Nine pounds of Tobacco Residue thereof the said Thomas Dent hath not paid the Same or any part thereof to the said Edward Lloyd Esqr: or order According to the Duty of his Office aft but the said Seven hundred and twenty Nine pounds of Tobacco yet remains wholly unpaid to the said Edward Lloyd or to any Other in his right And the said Attorney General further Saith that afterwards to wit the tenth day of July Anno Dom Seventeen hundred and thirteen the said Thomas Dent by Occasion of his Office of Sheriff aft in the Condition aft Specified and by Virtue thereof received Several Other Quantity of Tobacco of Diverse persons for fees and Other dues belonging to the said Edward Lloyd in right of his Several Offices aforementioned viz: at Charles County aforementioned which said Several Other Sums so as aforesaid Received in the whole Amount to the Quantity of Nine thousand seven hundred and Twenty pounds of Tobacco or any part thereof to the said Edward Lloyd Esqr According to the Condition aforesaid and the Duty of his Office aforesaid hath not paid but the aft seven hundred and twenty Nine pounds of Tobacco residue as aft and the said Nine thousand seven hundred and Twenty pounds of Tobacco last Mentioned which in the whole Amount to the Sum of ten thousand four hundred and forty Nine pounds of Tobacco to the said Edward in his life time or to any Other person in his right or by his Order remain yet wholy Unpaid and this the said Attorney General for the said Lord the King is ready to verify wherefore for the said Lord the King he prays Judgment and the Debt aft together with the Damages by Occasion of Detaining the Same Debt to the said Lord the King to be adjudged.

And the said Dan: & Elizabeth say that the plea aft by Replication above pleaded and the Matter therein Contained are not Sufft in Law for the Attorney Gen: the said action agt the said Dan: & Elizabeth

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