in the office of high sheriff of the County of Cecil and did in all things well and truly
Execute the same office and also did render unto his said Lordship and Other his Officers a
true faithfull and perfect Account of all and Singular his Lordships Rights and dues and to
his Officers a just and true Account of their fees that he the said John Hack was intrusted
with by his said Lordships Governour and Other his Officers within this Province to receive
and Collect and his Account to his said Lordship and his Governour for the fines and forfeitures
and Other dues belonging to his said Lordships Governour as also his Account of all such
dues and Summs of Money and Tobacco due to any the people within this Province for any
Sum or Summs of Money or Tobacco wherewith he the said John Hack was Intrusted during
the time of his Shrievalty for that present year or to Such of them as required the same
did pay and render by the Tenth day of May next Ensuing the date of the writing afo
and in all Other things as sheriff of the County of Cecil did behave himself well &
honestly towards all persons According to the best of his Skill Power and Knowledge
to wit at Cecil County aforesaid and this he the said Hugh is ready to verify wherefore
he prays Judgment of the said Attorney General his Action aforesaid against him to
have Ought &c.

And the said Attorney Generall Saith that by any thing soe alledged the said Lord propriety
from having and Maintaining the Action Ought not to be precluded because protesting
that the said John Hack hath not well and faithfully Executed the office of sheriff
of Cecil County during his Continuance therein nor performed all or any the Articles
Clauses and Covenants Contained in the Condition of the writing aforesaid According
to the form and Effect of the same Condition for plea the said Attorney General saith
that the said John Hack Continued sheriff of the County aft from the day of the writing
aforesaid until the Seventeenth day of November Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and
Seventy three to wit at Cecil County aforesaid and that during his the said John Hacks
Continuance in the said office viz the Twentieth day of November Anno Domini Seventeen
hundred and Seventy two at the County aft afor Thomas John Thomas of Cecil County
Carpenter he the said John then and still being one of the Good people of the
Province of Maryland was Allowed Seven thousand pounds of Tobacco in the
Levy of the said County in the hands of the said John Hack then sheriff to be
paid by the said John Hack when requested to the said John Thomas And the said
Attorney General further Saith that the said John Thomas afterwards viz the twentieth
day of December in the year last Mentioned at Cecil County aft Signified to the said
John Hack the said John Thomas his Dependance and Resolution of Making use

(of)

of his Tobacco that same year and then and there required the said John Hack to pay the said Seven
thousand pounds of Tobacco which same Seven thousand pounds of Tobacco or any part thereof the said
John Hack to the said John Thomas hath not yet Rendered but the same to him to render hath always
Gainsaid and still doth Gainsay and this the said Attorney General is ready to verify & therefore
prays Judgment for the Debt aforesaid together with the Damages Occasioned by the Detention
of that Debt to the said Lord proprietary to be Adjudged with this that the said Attorney General
will Verify that the said John Thomas in this Replication Mentioned and John Thomas at whose
request the said John Hack his sheriffs bond was put in Suit is one and the same person and not other
and divers. And the said Hugh protesting that the said John Thomas was not allowed
Seven thousand pounds of Tobacco in the Levy of Cecil County on the aforesaid Twentieth day of
November Anno Domi Seventeen hundred and twenty two Releaving protesting that the said
John Thomas on the twenty fifth day of December in the year aforesaid no Legal did not give
Notice to the said John Hack of his Resolution of making use of the Tobacco aforesaid that same
year Yet for Rejoynder the said Hugh Mathews Saith that he the said John Hack hath paid to the aforesaid John Thomas
the said Seven thousand pounds of Tobacco According to the Condition of the bond aforesaid to wit at
Cecil County aforesaid and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c

And the said Attorney Generall doth &c. also.

Yet Notwithstanding the said Hugh Mathews by his Attorney aforesaid Relinquishing his Lawman
aforesaid by him above pretended as before Recorded the Force and Fejny when &c And Saith that he
Cannot Gainsay the said Lord propry his Action aforesaid so as aforesaid against him brought nor can he
say but that the writing Obligatory aforesaid is his Act and Deed and the Debt there in
mentioned yet due and Unsatisfied. Wherefore the said Attorney General for the said Lord
Proprietary prays Judgment for the Debt aforesaid together with the Damages Sustained by
Reason of Detaining the same Debt to the said Lord Proprietary to be Adjudged &c

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the twentieth day of
October Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and twenty four aforesaid
that the said Lord Proprietary Recover against the said Hugh Mathews the aforesaid
full Sum and just Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of Sound Merchantable leaf
Tobacco and Cash the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Confessed. And the said
Hugh Mathews in Mercy &c.