of the said writing Obligatory yt is read to him in these words following (viz) The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Henry Lazenby do well & truly serve his Lordship the Lord proprietor his Heirs & Successors in the office of High Sheriff of the County of Ann Arundell within the Province aforesd & in all things well & faithfully execute the same office and also shall render unto his said Lordship and others his Officers a true faithfull and perfect Account of all & singular his said Lordships Rights & Dues & to his Officers a true & just Account of their fees that he shall or may be entrusted with by his said Lordships Governor and others his Officers within this Province to receive collect & his Account to his said Lordship his Heirs and Successors and to his & their Governour here for the time being for the fines & forfeitures & other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governour as also his Account of all fees Dues & Sums of Money or Tobacco Due to any good People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith the said Sheriff shall be entrusted during the time of his Sheriffally for this present or to such of them as shall require the same shall pass & render by the tenth Day of May next ensuing the Date hereof And in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Ann Arundell shall behave himself well & honestly to all Persons according to the best of his power skill and knowledge then this Obligation to be void & of no effect or else to stand in full force & strength by vertue whereof being Read and heard the said Samuel by his Attorney aforesd prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it And the same Day is given to the said Daniel Dulany Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who & &c

At which said next Court (to wit) this twentieth Day of October Anno Dom Seventeen hundred & twenty four Comes again as well the said Daniel Dulany Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who & as the said Samuel shew by his Attorney aforesd And the said Samuel by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court & he hath it And the same Day is given to the said Daniel Dulany Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who & also

At which said next Court (to wit) the 10th Day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred and twenty five Comes again as well the said Daniel Dulany Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who & as the said Samuel shew by his Attorney aforesd and the said Samuel by his said Attorney as before defends the force & injury when & &c And saith that the said Lord Propry his Action aforesd against him to have or maintain ought not because he saith that the said Henry Lazenby in the Condition aforesd named did well & truly serve the said Lord Propry in the office of high Sheriff of Ann Arundell County aforesd During his Continuance therein & to his said Lordship & other his Officers a true faithfull & perfect Account of all & singular his said Lordships Rights & Dues & to his Officers a true & just Account of their fees that he was intrusted with by his said Lordships Governour and other his Officers within this Province to receive & collect And his Account to his said Lordship & Governour for the time being for the fines & forfeitures & other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governour & also his Account of fees Dues & Sums of Money or Tobacco for Goods or fees to any of his said Lordships Officers & other good People within this Province that did require the same did pass an Account of before the tenth Day of May in the Condition of the same writing mentioned (to wit) on the ninth Day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred Twenty three at Ann Arundell County aforesd & the said Samuel further saith that the said Henry in all other things as Sheriff of the County aforesd did well & honestly behave himself towards all Persons according to the best of his power skill & knowledge (to wit) at Ann Arundell County aforesd and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Lord Propry his said Action against him to have or maintain ought &c

And the aforesd Attorney Generall saith that by any thing pleadged from maintaining this Action aforesd he ought not to be barred because protesting that the said Henry Lazenby in his life time hath not observed performed fulfilled or kept any of the Articles Conditions Clauses or things in the Condition aforesd specifyed for Plea saith that the aforesd Henry Lazenby continued Sheriff of Ann Arundell County from the aforesaid twenty eighth Day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty and two until the fifth Day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & three (to wit) at Ann Arundell County aforesd That the same Henry afterwards (to wit) the same Day & year at the same County died And that a certain Thomas Hammond the fourth Day of September Anno Dom One thousand Seven hundred twenty & two at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County aforesd by the Name of Thomas Hammond of Talbot County in the Province of Maryland by his certain Writing Obligatory with his Seal of the aforesd Thomas Sealed bearing Date the same Day & year had become held and bound unto the said John King in the Penalty of Talbot in this writing Obligatory aforesd by the Name of John King of Talbot County in the Sum of five hundred pounds thirteen Shillings & ten pence Current Silver Money of Maryland to be paid unto the said John King when thereof afterwards he should be required as by the writing Obligatory aforesd as by the writing Obligatory aforesd more fully appeareth And the aforesd Attorney Generall further saith that the aforesd Thomas Hammond hath not yet paid unto the said John King the aforesd Sum of five hundred pounds thirteen Shillings & ten pence according to the form & effect of the writing Obligatory aforesd and that the same John King for the recovery of his Debt aforesd in this writing Obligatory aforesd above specifyed & mentioned after wards (to wit) the twenty third Day of October Anno Dom One thousand Seven hundred twenty and two had prosecuted out of this Lord Propry his Proves Court here (to wit) at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County aforesd a certain writ of the same Lord Propry of Capias ad respondendum bearing teste the twenty fifth Day of the aforesd Month of September against the said Thomas Hammond unto the aforesd Henry Lazenby then Sheriff of Ann Arundell County aforesd directed by which said writ the said Lord Propry did Command the said Henry Lazenby that he should take the aforesd Thomas if he should be found in his Bailywick and him safe keep so that he should have his Body before his said Lordships Justices of the said Proves Court here (to wit) at the City of Annapolis

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aforesd in Ann Arundell County aforesd the second Tuesday of April then next ensuing to answer unto this same John of a plea that he should render unto him the aforesd Sum of five hundred pounds thirteen Shillings & ten pence Current Money which unto him he owes & unjustly detaines and that the same Sheriff should have then there that Writt And the aforesd Attorney Generall further saith that the aforesd John King the Writt aforesd afterward & before the return of the same Writt (to wit) the third Day of November Anno Dom One thousand Seven hundred twenty & two at the said City of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County aforesd unto the aforesd Henry Lazenby did Deliver in form of Law to be executed with that Intention that the aforesd Thomas by vertue thereof should be taken & arrested and on the Day of the return thereof in the same Court there according to the Custom of that Court from time whereof the Memory of Man is not used and approved by vertue of that Writ should be committed or otherwise find in the aforesd Court there according to the Custom of that Court from all this time aforesd used & approved sufficient Mainpriors to answer unto the aforesd John of the Plea & Writ aforesd And the same Attorney Generall in fact saith that after the Delivery of this Writ aforesd in form aforesd & before the return of the same Writ (to wit) the third Day of November Anno Dom One thousand Seven hundred twenty & two at the aforesd City of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County aforesd the same Henry the aforesd Thomas by vertue of the Writ aforesd at the Suit of the aforesd John did take & arrest and him the said Thomas by vertue of the Writ and arrest aforesd then & there had & detained & yet doth the aforesd Henry not ignorant of the Premises but the duty of his office of High Sheriff of Ann Arundell County aforesd little regarding & minding & fraudulently intending the same John of his aforesd five hundred Pounds thirteen Shillings & ten pence and of his remedy for the recovery thereof altogether to deprive afterwards (to wit) the fourth Day of November Anno Dom One thousand Seven hundred twenty & two at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County aforesd the aforesd Thomas so in the custody of him the said Henry at large where he would to go & escape did permitt the aforesd John of the aforesd five hundred Pounds thirteen Shillings & ten pence or any part thereof then or yet in no sort being satisfyed) and upon the Writ aforesd at the aforesd second Tuesday of April next after the Date of the same Writ in the aforesd Court there at Annapolis aforesd in Ann Arundell County aforesd falsely & fraudulently did return that he had taken the Body of the aforesd Thomas & that he had his Body ready before his said Lordships Justices of the said Proves Court at the Day & place contained in the Writ aforesd as by the same Writ he was Commanded whereas in truth the aforesd Henry Lazenby the Body of the aforesd Thomas before the aforesd Justices at the aforesd Day & place in the same Writ contained had not ready whereby the aforesd John of the aforesd Five hundred Pounds thirteen Shillings & ten pence & of his remedy for the recovery thereof is wholly deprived And this he the said Attorney Generall is ready to verify wherefore for the said Lord Propry he prayeth Judgement for the Debt aforesd & the Damage by occasion of detaining of the same Debt to the same Lord Propry to be adjudged &c Which this that the same Attorney Generall doth verify that the aforesd John King always from the time of his Nativity hath been a Commorant resident & Inhabitant of the said Province (to wit) at the City aforesd in the County aforesd &c

And the said Samuel protesting that the replication for the said Lord Propry so as aforesd pleaded and the matter therein contained are not sufficient in Law for the said Attorney Generall on behalf of his said Lordship the Action aforesd to have or maintain protesting likewise that the Bond aforesd of the aforesd Thomas Hammond payable to the aforesd John King if any there were was for the payment of two hundred & fifty pounds Current Money & not more for plea he saith that at the Parliament of the Lord Henry late King of England the sixth since the Conquest held at Westminster in the County of Middlesex the twenty fifth Day of February in the twenty third Year of his Reign the same King considering the great Perjury Extortion & Oppression which then was & had been in the said Realm by his Sheriffs undersheriffs & their Clerks Coroners & Stewards of Franchises Bailiffs & Keepers of Prisons & other Officers in divers Counties of the said Kingdome amongst other things ordained by Authority of the same Parliament for eschewing of all such Extortion Perjury & Oppression that no Sheriff should set to farm in any manner his County nor any of his Bailywicks Hundreds or Warpentakes nor that the said Sheriff Undersheriff Bailiffs of Franchises nor any other Bailiff should return upon any Writ or Precept to them directed to be returned any Inquests in any Panell thereupon to be made by any Bailiffs Officers or Servants to any of the Officers aforesd in any Panell by them so to be made nor that any of the said Officers & Ministers by Oppression or under Colour of their Office should take any other thing by them nor by any other Person to their use Profitt or Avail of any Person by them or any of them to be arrested or attached nor of None other of them for the omitting of any Arrest or Attachment to be made by their Body or from any Person by them or any of them by force Colour of their Office arrested or attached for fine fee Suit of Prison Mainprize letting to bail or shewing any Ease or favour to any such Person so arrested or to be arrested for their reward or Profitt But such as follows (that is to say) for the Sheriff twenty pence for the Bailiff which maketh the Arrest or Attachment four Pence & the Gaoler if the Prisoner be committed to his Ward four pence And that the Sheriff Under Sheriff Sheriffs Clerks Steward or Bailiff of Franchise Servant of Bailiff or Coroner should not take any thing by Colour of his Office by him nor by any other Person to his use of any Person for the making of any return or Panell & for the Copy of any Panell but four Pence And that the said Sheriff & all other Officers & Ministers aforesd should let out of Prison all Manner of Persons by them or any of them arrested or being in their Custody by force of any Writ Bill or Warrant in any Action personal or by cause of Indictment by Trespass upon Surties of Sufficient Persons having sufficient within the County where such Persons be so let to bail or mainprise to keep their Days in such Place as the said Writs Bills or Warrants should require such Person or Persons which were or should be in their Ward by Condemnation Execution Capias Utlegatum or Excommunicatum Surety of the Peace & all such Persons which were or should be committed to Ward by Special Commandment of any Justices And Vagabonds refusing to serve according to the form of the Statute of Labourers only except And that no Sheriff nor any of the Officers or Ministers aforesd should take or cause to be taken or make any Obligation for any cause aforesd or by Colour of their Office but only to themselves of any Person nor by any Person which should be in their Ward by the course of the Law but by the Name of their Office and upon Condition written that the said Prisoners should appear at the Day contained in the said Writ Bill or Warrant & in such Place as the

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