is read unto him in these words following by &c — The Condition of this Above Obligation is such that if the Above bounden Charles Lingle do well & truly keep & his said Lordships Rights & Dues & to his Officers & true & just Account of their fees that he shall or may be intrusted with by his said Lordships Governour & other his officers within this Province to receive & collect & his Rect to his said Lordship his heirs and Successors & to his and their Governour here for the time being for the fines & forfeitures & other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governour & also his Accounts of all fees Dues & sums of money & Tob°. due & owing by the Good people within this Province for any sum or sums of money or Tob°. therewith the said Office shall be intrusted during the time of his Shrievalty for this present year & to such of them as shall require the same & render by the tenth Day of May next ensuing the date hereof and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Dorchester shall behave himself well & honestly & knowledges this Obligation to be void & of none Effect or else to stand in full force strength & virtue, Which being read unto & heard the said John Eccleston saith that the Attorney Generale for the said Lord Proprty the Action aft. ag^t him to have & maintain ought not because he saith that the said Charles Lingle hath always from the time of making the writing aft. & during his continuance in the Office aft. well & truly served his Lordship in the Office of high Sheriff of the County of Dorchester and did in all things well & truly & Executs the same Office and also did render to his said Lordship & other his officers a true faithfull & perfect Accounts of all & singular his Lordships rights & Dues due & to his officers a just & true Account of their fees that he the said Charles Lingle was entrusted with by his said Lordships Governour & other Offices within this Province to receive & collect and his Accounts to his said Lordship & his Governour for the time being for the fines & forfeitures and other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governour as also his Accounts for all fees dues & sums of money & Tob°. due to any the people within this Province for any sum or sums of money or Tob°. wherewith he the said Charles Lingle was during the time of his Shrievalty for that present year or to such of them as required the same did pay & render by the tenth Day of May next ensuing the date of the writing aft. and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Dorchester did behave himself well and honestly towards all persons According to the best of his skill power & knowledge to wit at Dorchester County aft. & this he is ready to verify Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Attorney Generale his Action aft. ag^t him to have & maintain ought & And the said Attorney Generale saith that he by any thing above alledged from having & maintaining his Action aft. for the said Lord Proprty ought not to be precluded because protesting that the said Charles Lingle hath well & truly & faithfully discharged the Office of Sheriff of this County aft. the charges performed

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or by the several Causes & Articles in this Condition of the said Bond Specified for & by the Attorney Generale saith that the said Charles was Sheriff of this County aft. from the Date of the said writing until the fifth Day of December Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred and Twenty four to wit at Dorchester County aft. And that during his Continuance in the said Office by the Fourth Day of December Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred & twenty three he the said Charles was Intrusted by a certain Mary Brooke of the said County & Dom. like the said Mary then being One of the good people of this Province to receive the Quantity of Sixty four thousand three hundred & Ninety one pounds of Tob°. for Sundry Dues and Demands that — to her & became Due to the said Mary Brooke from Sundry persons residing in Dorchester County aft. to wit at the County aft. which same Sixty four thousand three hundred & Ninety one pounds of Tob°. the said Charles at the same County to the use of the said Mary had & received Nevertheless the said Charles the said Sixty four thousand three hundred Ninety one pounds of Tob°. to the said Mary Although of the same requested hath not rendered or paid but the same to her to pay hath hitherto refused & gainsayed — And the said Attorney Generale further saith that the said Charles during his Continuance in the said Office to wit the Fourteenth Day of December Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred & twenty three was Intrusted by a certain Thomas Thompson Clerk the said Thomas then & still being one of the Good people of the Province of Maryland and Rector & Incumbent of Dorchester Parish in Dorchester County aft. to collect and receive of the Inhabitants of the said Parish the Quantity of Seventeen thousand Seven hundred & twenty pounds of Tob°. to the said Thomas due & owing from the said Inhabitants for the forty pounds of Tob°. p Poll of all the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish by reason of the said Thomas his being Rector and Incumbent of the said Parish which said Seventeen thousand Seven hundred & twenty pounds of Tob°. the said Charles to the use of the said Thomas at the County aft. had & received Nevertheless the said Charles the said Seventeen thousand Seven hundred & twenty pounds of Tob°. & any part thereof to the said Thomas hath not rendered or paid although so to do the said Charles by the said Thomas at the County aft. was required but the same to the said Thomas the said Charles hath always hitherto refused & yet doth refuse And this for the said Lord Proprty the said Attorney Generale is ready to verify & prays Judgment for the Debt aft. together with the Damages sustained by occasion of the Detention of the same Debt to the said Lord Proprty to be adjudged — And the said John Eccleston by Protestation saith that the Replication & all & altogether insufficient in Law for the Attorney Generale the Action aft. to have or maintain Yet for Replication the said John Eccleston saith that the aft. Charles Lingle paid unto the said Mary Brooke all such Quantities of Tob°. as she the said Mary Instructed the said Charles with & which he owed to wit at Dorchester County aft. And of this he puts himself upon the Country And the Plaintiff likewise —

And the aft. John Eccleston protesting that the aft. Thomas Thompson never had any Assignment of the said Charles Lingles Bond in the said Replication mentioned —

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