Mill The Lord Propry — & Maryland ffs / Joseph Manlester late of Somerset County Gent otherwise Called Joseph
Wm Joseph Manlester } Manlester of Somerset County Gentleman in the Province afd was Summoned to
answer unto the Right Honble the Lord Proprietor of the Province of Maryland of a
Plea that he render unto him the full & just Quantity of two hundred thousand Pounds of Good Sound
Merchantable Leaf Tobacco & Casque which from him he unjustly detaineth &c ——

And whereupon Michael Howard Esq his said Lordships Attorney General who for his said
Lordship in that behalf prosecuteth Saith that whereas the afd Joseph the thirteenth Day of
November in the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred twenty & four at Somerset County
afd by his Certain Writing Obligatory did acknowledge himself to be holden & firmly bound unto his
said Lordship in the afd Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco & Casque to be paid unto his
said Lordship when he should afterwards be thereunto required Nevertheless the afd Joseph altho' often
required the afd two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco and Cask to his said Lordship hath not —
rendered but the same to him hitherto to render hath refused and Still doth refuse to the Damage of
his said Lordship four hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco And thereupon he brings Suit &c And brings
here into Court the Writing Obligatory afd which the Deft afd in form afd testifies the Date whereof is the
Day & year above said &c ——

And the afd Joseph Manlester by William Bockingham his Attorney Comes & defends
the force & Injury when &c & prays a hearing of the Writing Obligatory afd & it is read unto him he —
likewise prays a hearing of the Condition of the same Writing & it is read unto him in these Words
following (Viz:) The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that if the above bound Joseph Manlester
do well & truly Serve his Lord Propry of the Province of Maryland his Heirs & Successors in the Office of
High Sheriff of the County of Somerset within the Province afd and in all things well & faithfully —
Execute the same Office & also shall render unto the Lord Propry & other his Officers a true faithfull &
perfect Account of all & Singular his Lordships rights & Duet & to his Officers a true & just Account of their
fees that he shall or may be Intrusted with by the said Propys Governours & other his Officers within —
this Province to receive & Collect & his Accounts to his Lord Propry his Heirs & Successors & to his & their
Governour here for the time being for the time & forfeitures & other Dues belonging to the said Propys
Governour as also his Account of all fees Duet & Sums of Money or Tobacco due to any of the good People within
this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith the said Sheriff shall be Intrusted during
the time of his Sheriffally for this present or to ensue of them as shall require the Same shall pass & render by
the tenth Day of May next Ensueing the Date hereof and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of —
Somerset 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 none Effect or else to stand in full force Strength & Virtue —
which being read & heard the said Joseph Manlester by his said Attorney pray leave to imparle —
hereunto until next Court And he hath it And the same Day is given to the said Michael Howard Esq
his Lordship Attorney General who &c Also ——

At which said next Court to wit the 16th Day of May Anno Dom 1727 Comes again as
well the said Michael Howard Esq his Lordship Attorney General who &c as the said Joseph Manlester
by his Attorney afd And the said Joseph by his said Attorney as before Defends the force & Injury when &c
and Saith that the Attorney General for the said Lord Propry his Action afd against him to have or
maintain ought not because he saith that he the said Joseph Manlester hath always from the time
of making the Writing afd & during his Continuance in the Office afd well & truly served his said —
Lordship in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Somerset & did in all things well & truly execute the
same Office & also did render to his said Lordship & other the Officers a true faithfull & perfect Accounts of
all & Singular his said Lordships Rights & Duet & to his Officers a just & true Account of their fees that he
said Joseph Manlester was Intrusted with by his said Lordship & other his Officers within this Province to
receive & Collect & his Accounts to his said Lordship & his Governour for the time & forfeitures & other Duet —
belonging to his said Lordship Governour as also his Account for all fees Duet & Sums of Money or —
Tobacco due to any the People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith

he the said Joseph was Intrusted during the time of his Sheriffally for that present year or to ensue of them
as required the Same did pass & render by the tenth Day of May next Ensueing the Date of the said
Writing Obligatory & in all other things as Sheriff of the said County of Somerset did well & truly behave
himself to all Persons during his Continuance in that Office to wit at Somerset County afd & this he is
ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the afd Attorney General his Action afd against him
to have ought &c ——

And the afd Attorney General of the said Lord Propry saith that by anything pro allegeed
from maintaining the Action afd against the afd Joseph Manlester he ought not to be barred because
protesting that the said Joseph Manlester hath not observed performed fulfilled or kept any of the Related
Covenants Grants Payments Conditions & Agreements in the Condition afd mentioned for Plea or — —
Replication the same Attorney General for the afd Lord Propry Nevertheless Saith that the same Joseph
Manlester was & Continued high Sheriff of Somerset County afd from the afd thirteenth Day of November
Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & four Untill the thirteenth Day of November Anno Dom Seventeen
hundred twenty & five at Somerset County afd & that on the twentieth Day of October Anno Dom —
Seventeen hundred twenty & one the afd Philemon Lloyd Esq was & ever after untill the Six twentieth Day
of April Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & Six hath Continued One of the said Lord Propry his —
Officers to wit Deputy Secretary of State for this Province of Maryland to wit at the Same County (the same —
Philemon Lloyd there on the afd twentieth Day of October Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & one being
lawfully Constituted and admitted Deputy Secretary of State of the same Province) And the afd Attorney —
General further Saith that there arose & became Due unto the same Philemon by Virtue of his Office of
Deputy Secretary of State afd on the twenty fourth Day of December Anno Dom Seventeen hundred —
twenty & four at the County afd Sundry fees amounting to the Sum of Twenty two thousand four — —
hundred Seventy & one Pounds of Tobacco from divers Persons then living in Somerset County afd Which —
Sum of Tobacco by the same Philemon the said Joseph as Sheriff of the said County then & there was —
intrusted to Collect & account for according to the same Joseph his Duty of High Sheriff of the County afd —
and the Condition afd And that the same Joseph hath not past an Account thereof to the afd Philemon by
the tenth Day of May next Ensueing the Date of the said Writing Obligatory nor paid or satisfyed the
same Sum of Tobacco or any Pound thereof unto the same Philemon or Order according to the Duty of
the said Joseph his Office of High Sheriff of the County afd & the form of the Condition afd (all this to do —
the afd Joseph afterward to wit the tenth Day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & five &
at Sundry times afterward at the County afd by the afd Philemon was required) but the same twenty
two thousand four hundred Seventy & one Pounds of Tobacco yet remains wholly unpaid & in no Sort satisfyed
unto the said Philemon or Order And this the said Attorney General is ready to verify wherefore for the said Lord
Propry he prayeth Judgment for the Debt afd & the Damage by Occasion of detaining the same Debt unto
the said Lord Propry to be adjudged &c with this that the same Attorney General doth Verify that the afd
Philemon Lloyd at all times hitherto hath been and still is an Inhabitant of the afd Province to wit at
Somerset County afd ——

But the said Joseph Manlester altho Solemnly Called Comes not but makes Default whereby
the said Lord Propry remains against the said Joseph Manlester without further Defence ——

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the Day & year last mentioned —
that the said Right Honble the Lord Proprietor of the Province of Maryland recover against the said
Joseph Manlester the full & just Quantity of two hundred thousand Pounds of Good Sound Merchantable
Leaf Tobacco & Casque his Debt afd And the said Joseph in Mercy &c

Mill The Lord Propry } Maryland ffs / Hugh Porter late of Somerset County Gent otherwise Called Hugh Porter
Wm Hugh Porter — } of Somerset County Gentleman in the Province afd was Summoned to answer unto the —
Right Honble the Lord Proprietor of the Province of Maryland of a Plea that he render unto him
the full & just Quantity of two hundred thousand Pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and