Planter by the name of Thomas Howell Adm^r of the Rev^d Thomas Howell late Rector of Great Choptank Parish the af^d Sum of forty five Thousand One hundred & twenty Pounds of Tobacco by the name of the whole forty per Poll a-post on the af^d Parish last November Court of which said Order the af^d Charles Lingle afterward to wit the same Day & year last mentioned at the County af^d had Notice & view having then & there accepted the same & promised Payment of the Contents thereof Nevertheless the said Charles Lingle the af^d forty five Thousand One hundred & twenty Pounds of Tobacco hath not accounted for nor paid unto the said Administrator Thomas Howell or to his Order according to the Duty of his Office of High Sheriff of the County af^d & the Conditional but the same Sum of Tobacco yet remains unaccounted for & unpaid (altho' thereunto the af^d Charles afterward to wit the fourth Day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & six at the County af^d was required by the af^d Adm^r Thomas Howell) Contrary to the form & effect of the Condition af^d & the af^d Attorney General further saith that the af^d Charles Lingle as Sheriff of the af^d County after the making of the Writing Obligatory af^d & during the Continuance of the same Charles Lingle in the Office of High Sheriff to wit the fourth Day of May in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred twenty & six by Virtue of his Office af^d recd & had from divers Persons then living in the same County Several Sums of Tobacco amounting to the Sum of forty five Thousand One hundred & twenty Pounds of Tobacco to & for the use of the said Thomas Howell Planter, Adm^r of the said Thomas Howell dec^d to wit at Dorchester County af^d which Sum of Tobacco he the said Charles Lingle hath not well & truly satisfyed paid & Delivered or Caused to be paid Satisfyed & delivered unto the same Thomas the Adm^r or his Order & Assignes according to the Condition af^d & the Duty of his Office but the same Sum of Tobacco still remains unpaid altho' thereunto the af^d Charles Lingle the same Day & year last mentioned & often afterwards at the same County by the af^d Adm^r Thomas Howell was required but that so to do hitherto hath neglected & still doth refuse Contrary to the Duty of the said Charles his Office af^d & the effect & form of the Condition af^d — And the af^d Attorney General further saith that a Certain Joshua George Lyon the twenty fourth Day of January Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & three & for several years before was & yet is One of the Good People of this Province & an Attorney of the Provincial Court of the same Province to wit a Dorchester County af^d & that the twenty fourth Day of December Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & five there arose & became Due unto the same Joshua George as an Attorney of the said Rev^d Court Sundry fees amounting to the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco from divers Persons then living in Dorchester County af^d which Sum of Tobacco by the same Joshua the same Charles Lingle as Sheriff of the said County then & there was intrusted to Collect & pay unto the said Joshua or Order according to the same Charles Lingle his Duty of High Sheriff of the County af^d & the Condition af^d And that the af^d Charles hath not past an Account of the said Sum of Tobacco last mentioned to the said Joshua by the fourth Day of May next Ensuing the Date of the said Writing Obligatory nor paid nor Satisfyed the same Sum of Tobacco unto the same Joshua or Order according to the Duty of the said Charles Lingle his Office of High Sheriff of the County af^d & the form of the Condition af^d but the same Six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco yet remain wholly unpaid & unsatisfyed unto the said Joshua or Order And this the said Attorney General is ready to verify for the said Lord Propry Wherefore for the same Lord Propry he prayeth Judgment for the Debt af^d & the Damages by occasion of Detaining the same Debt to the said Lord Propry to be adjudged &c And the same Attorney General doth bring here into Court the Letters of Admiston af^d which the Commission of the Admiston af^d in form af^d do testify &c And doth verify that the said Charles Lingle hath not accounted for nor paid nor Caused to be accounted for nor paid the said Sum of Tobacco first above mentioned or any Pound thereof unto the said Thomas Howell Dec^d or to his Assignes or Order & that the said Thomas the Adm^r af^d always hitherto hath been & still is an Inhabitant of the Province af^d to wit at the County af^d —

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But the said Peter Taylor altho' solemnly called Comes not but makes Default whereby the said Lord Propry remains against the said Peter Taylor without further Defence —

Therefore it is considered by the Justices here the Day & year last mentioned that the said Right Honble Charles Absolute Lord & Propietarie of the Province of Maryland &c recover against the said Peter Taylor the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco & Cask his Debt af^d And the said Peter in Mercy &c

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Anthony Rawlings & Maryland Planter otherwise Called Anthony Rawlings of Dorchester County in the Province af^d was Summoned to answer unto the Right Honble Charles Absolute Lord and Propietarie of the Province of Maryland &c of a Plea that he render unto the said Lord Propietarie the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco & Cask which from he unjustly detaineth &c

And whereupon Michael Howard Esq^r his Lordship's Attorney General of the Province af^d who for his said Lordship in this behalf prosecuteth saith that Whereas the af^d Anthony Rawlings the fourteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred twenty & five at Dorchester County af^d by his Certain Writing Obligatory did acknowledge himself to be holden & firmly bound unto his said Lordship in the af^d Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco & Cask to be paid unto his said Lordship when he should afterwards be thereunto required Nevertheless the af^d Anthony Rawlings altho' often required the af^d two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco & Cask to his said Lordship hath not rendered but the same to him hitherto to render hath refused & still doth refuse to the Damage of his said Lordship four hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco And this for his said Lordship the said Attorney General is ready to verify &c And he brings here into Court the Writing Obligatory af^d which the Deb^t af^d in form af^d testifies the Date whereof is the Day & year above said &c

And the said Anthony by Edmund Jenings his Attorney Comes & defends the force & Injury when &c And prays a Hearing of the Writing Obligatory af^d & it is read unto him he likewise prays a hearing of the Condition of the same Writing & it is read to him in these Words following (Viz^t) Viz^t

Condition of the above Obligation is Such that if the above bounden Charles Lingle do well & truly serve his said Lordship his Heirs & Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Dorchester within this Province aforesaid & in all things well & truly & unto the same Office And also shall render unto his said Lordship & other his Officers a true faithfull & perfect Account of all & Singular his said Lordship's Rights & Duet & to his Officers a true & just Account of their fees that he shall or may be Entrusted with by his said Lordship's Governour & other the Officers within this Province to receive & Collect And his Account to his said Lordship his Heirs & Successors & to his & their Governour here for the time being for the fines & forfeitures & other Duet belonging to his said Lordship's Governour As also his Account of all fees Duet and Sumb of Money or Tobacco due to any the Good People within this Province for any Sum or Sumb 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 fourth Day of May next Ensuing the Date hereof And in all other things as Sheriff for the said County of Dorchester shall behave himself well & honestly to all Persons according to the best of his Power Skill & 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 Anthony by his said Attorney prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court And he hath it And the same Day is given to the said Michael Howard Esq^r his Lordship's Attorney General who &c Also —

At which said next Court to wit the 16^th Day of May Anno Dom 1727 Comes again as well the said Michael Howard Esq^r his Lordship's Attorney General who &c as the said Anthony Rawlings by his Attorney af^d And the said Anthony by his said Attorney as before defends the force & Injury when &c And Saith that the Attorney General for the said Lord Propry the Action af^d against him to have or maintain ought not because he saith that the said Charles Lingle hath always from

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