the time of making the Writing aſd & during his Continuance in the Office aſd well & truly Served his Lordship in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Dorchester & did in all things well & truly Execute the same Office. & also did render to his Lordship & other his Officers a true faithfull & perfect Account of all & Singular his Lordship rights & Duet & to his Officers a just & true Account of their fees that he the said Charles Lingle was intrusted with by his said Lord Propry & other his Officers within this Province to receive & Collect & his Amount to his said Lordship & his Governour for the time & forfeitures & other Duet — belonging to his said Lordships Governour as also his Amount for all fees Duet & Sumb of Money or Tobacco due to any the good People within this Province for all Sum & Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith he the said Charles was intrusted during the time of his Sheriffalty for that Present year or to Sum of them as did require the Same did Pay & render by the fourth Day of May then Ensuing the Date of the said Writing Obligatory & in all other things as Sheriff of the said — Dorchester County did behave himself well & honestly to all Persons according to the best of his Skill & knowledge bizt in Dorchester County aſd And this he the said Anthony is ready to verify o Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Attorney General for the said Lord Propry his Action aſd ought to have & maintain &c ——

And the aſd Attorney General of the said Lord Propry saith that by any thing previlledged from maintaining the Action aſd against the aſd Anthony Rawlings he ought not to be barred because protesting that the said Charles Lingle hath not observed performed fullfilled or kept any of the Articles Clauses or things in the Condition aſd Specifyed for Plea or Replication the same Attorney General for the aſd Lord Propry Nevertheless Saith that the same Charles Lingle was & Continued High Sheriff of Dorchester County aſd from the aſd fourteenth Day of December Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & five untill the twelfth Day of July Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & Six at Dorchester County aſd & that the aſd Thomas Howell Clerk dered the first Day of November Anno Dom Seventeen hundred & Six was Minister & Rector of Great Choptank Parish in the County aſd (the same Thomas being Duly then appointed Minister & Rector of the same Parish to wit at the aſd Parish in the same County that the same Thomas Howell Continued Minister & Rector of the same Parish from the same Day & year last mentioned untill & during the first Day of November Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & five in the said Parish & County & afterwards to wit the same Day & year there dyed) the same Thomas during the whole time aſd having no other benifice to Officiate in & being all the same time an Inhabitant & one of the good People of this Province to wit at the same Parish in the County aſd) And the said Attorney General further Saith that the same Day & year last mentioned at the County aſd there became Due unto the said Thomas Howell dered in his life time as Minister & Rector of the aſd Parish the Sum of forty five thousand — One hundred & twenty Pounds of Tobacco by a Tax of forty Pounds of Tobo per Poll on every taxable Person within the said Parish in the County aſd (eleven hundred twenty & eight taxable Persons then & there being in the same Parish) which said forty five thousand One hundred & twenty Pounds of Tobacco after the Death of the same Thomas the aſd Charles as Sheriff of the said County the twenty fourth Day of December Seventeen hundred twenty & five was Intrusted to Collect Levy account for & pay unto Such Person as had the Administration of the goods Chattels Rights & Credits of the said Thomas Howel dered & should have an Order in Writing for the same from the Vestrymen of the aſd Parish according to the same Charles Lingle his Duty of his Office of High Sheriff of the said County & the Condition aſd that Administration of all the goods Chattels rights & Credits which were of the said Thomas Howell dered at the time of his Death of the same Thomas to wit the fourteenth Day of December Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & five at Dorchester County aſd by John Fitt Gent Deputy County of the same County lawfully Constituted & appointed in Due form of Law — was Committed unto the aſd Thos Howell Planter (whereof the aſd Charles Lingle afterwards to wit the twentyeth Day of December in the year aſd & often afterward at the County aſd had Notice) And that the Vestrymen of the aſd Parish afterward to wit the thirtieth Day of March Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & five at the County aſd by their Certain Order in Writing Subscribed with the Proper

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hand & Name of John Davis of the same County Gent (the same John then & there being legally Constituted & admitted Reg^r^ into the same Vestrymen) requested & ordered the aſd Charles Lingle to pay upon demand unto the said Thomas Howell Planter by the Name of Thomas Howell Adm^r^ of the Revd Thomas Howell — late Rector of Great Choptank Parish the aſd Sum of forty five thousand One hundred & twenty Pounds of — Tobacco by the Name of the whole of the forty pr Poll aſd on the aſd Parish last November Court of which said Order the aſd Charles Lingle afterward to wit the same Day & year last mentioned at the County aſd had Notice & View having then & there accepted the same & promised Payment of the Contents thereof Nevertheless the said Charles Lingle the aſd forty five thousand One hundred & twenty Pounds of Tobacco hath not accounted for nor paid unto the said Adm^r^ Thomas Howell or to his Order according to the — Duty of his Office of High Sheriff of the County aſd & the Condition aſd but the same Sum of Tobacco — now remains unaccounted for & unpaid) (altho' thereunto the aſd Charles afterward to wit the fourth day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred twenty & Six at the County aſd was required by the aſd Adm^r^ Thomas Howell) Contrary to the form & Effect of the Condition aſd) And the aſd Attorney General further Saith that the aſd Charles Lingle Sheriff of the aſd County after the making of the Writing — Obligatory aſd & during the Continuance of the same Charles Lingle in the Office of High Sheriff aſd to wit the fourth Day of May in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred twenty & Six by Virtue of his Office aſd received & had from divers Persons then living in the same County several Sumb 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 Dered to wit at Dorchester County aſd which Sum of Tobacco he the said Charles 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 aſd & the Duty of his Office but the same Sum of Tobacco — Still remains unpaid altho' thereunto the aſd Charles Lingle the same Day & year last mentioned often afterwards at the same County by the aſd 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 aſd & the Effect & form of the Condition aſd And the aſd Attorney General further Saith that a Certain Joshua — George Gent 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 and an Attorney of the Provincial Court of the same Province to wit at Dorchester County aſd & that on 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 Prov^l^ Court Sundry fees amounting to the Sum of Six thousand Pounds of — Tobacco from divers Persons then living in Dorchester County aſd which Sum of Tobacco by the same Joshua the same Charles Lingle as Sheriff of the said County then & there was intrusted to Collect and pay unto the said Joshua or according to the same Charles Lingle his Duty of High Sheriff of the County aſd & the Condition aſd & that the aſd 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 George or Order — — according to the same Charles Lingle his Duty of High Sheriff of the County aſd & the form of the Condition aſd but the same Six thousand Pounds of Tobacco yet remain wholly unpaid & in no Sort Satisfyed 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 aſd & the Damage 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 Administration aſd which the Comission of Administration aſd in form aſd do testify & 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 deceased or to his Assignes or Order And that the said Thomas Howell the Administrator aſd always hitherto hath been & Still is an Inhabitant of the Province aſd to wit at the County aſd ——

But the said Anthony Rawlings altho' Solemnly Called Comes not but makes Default Wherefore by the said Lord Propry remains against the said Anthony without further Defence —

(Therefore)