And whereupon the said John Smith by Tom Bottingham his Attorney Comes & Defends the
force & Injury when &c And prays a hearing of the Writing Obligatory aft & 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 (Viz:) The Condition of the Above Obligation is Such that if the above Obligation
is Such that if the above bounden John Smith do well & truly serve the Right Honble the
Lord Propry his Heirs & Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Cecil within
the Province aft & in all things well & faithfully Execute the same Office & also shall render
unto the said Lord Propry & other his Lordships Officers a true faithfull & perfect Account of all
& Singular his said Lordships rights & fees that he shall or may be Entrusted with by his said
Lordships Governour & other his Officers within this Province to receive & Collect & this Account
to his said Lordship his Heirs & Successors & to his & their Governour Here for the time being for
the fines & forfeitures & other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governour as also his
Amount of all fees dues & Sums of money or Tobacco due to any the 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 Shrieffalty 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 & all
other things as Sheriff of the County of Cecil 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 & Vertue & Whereas being read
& heard the said John Smith by his said Attorney prays leave to imparle hereunto Until
next Court And he hath it And this same Day is given to the said Michael Howard Esqr
his Lordships Attorney Generall who &c Also —

At which said Court to wit the 15th Day of October Anno Dom 1728
Comes again as well the said Michael Howard Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who &
as the said John Smith by his Attorney aft & And the said John Smith by his said Attorney
prays further leave to imparle hereunto Until next Court And he hath it And this same
Day is given to the said Michael Howard Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who &c Also

At which said Court to wit the 20th Day of May Anno Dom 1729
Comes again as well the said Michael Howard Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who
&c as the said John Smith by his Attorney aft & And the said John Smith by his said —
Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto Until next Court And he hath it
And this same Day is given to the said Michael Howard Esqr his Lordships Attorney
Generall who &c Also —

At which said Court to wit the 21st Day of October Anno Dom 1729 Comes
again as well the said Michael Howard Esqr his Lordships Attorney Generall who &c as the —
said John Smith by his Attorney aft & And the said John Smith by his said Attorney as —
before Defends the force & Injury when &c And Saith that the Attorney Generall for the said Lord
Propry the Action aft & against him to have & maintain ought not because he Saith that he the said John
hath always from the time of Making the Writing aft & during his Continuance in the Office aft
well & truly served his Lordship his Heirs & Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of
Cecil within the Province aft & did in all things well & faithfully Execute the said Office & also
did render unto his said Lordship & other his Officers a true faithfull & perfect Account of all & Singular
his Lordships Rights & Dues & to his Officers a true & just Account of their fees that he the said John
was Entrusted with by his said Lordships Governour & other his 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 Dues belonging to his
said Lordships Governour As also his Account of all fees Dues & Sums of Money or Tobacco due
to any the Good People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco —
(wherewith)

he the said John was Entrusted during the time of his Shrievalty for that Present year or to —
Such of them as should require the same die pass & render by the fourth Day of May next Ensuing
the Date of the said Writing Obligatory & in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Cecil did —
behave himself well & honestly to all Persons according to the best of his power skill & knowledge
viz: at Cecil County aft & And this the said John is ready to verify Wherefore he prays Judgment
if the aft Attorney for the said Lord Propry his Action aft & against him to have or maintain
ought &c —

And the aft Attorney Generall of the said Lord Propry that now is who for the
same Lord Propry followeth for the same Lord Propry saith that by any thing by the aft &
John Smith above by pleading alledged the said Lord Propry from having & maintaining
the Action aft & against the said John Smith ought not to be precluded because he Saith —
that after the making of the Writing Obligatory aft & the aft John Smith was & Continued high
Sheriff of Cecil County aft & from the aft twelfth Day of November in the year of our Lord God —
Seventeen hundred twenty & Six until the thirtieth Day of November in the year of our —
Lord God Seventeen hundred twenty & Seven to wit at Bohemia in Cecil County aft & that
the aft Samuel Poole by the Name of Samuel Poole at Another time to wit the Eighteenth Day of
May in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred twenty & Seven in the Provincial Court of the
said Lord Propry that now is before Thomas Addison Esqr & his Associates then Justices of the
said Lord Propry of the same Provincial Court at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County
had recovered against a Certain Richard Normansell late of Kent County Gent as well the —
Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds ten Shillings & Eight pence Current Money a Certain Debt as
nine hundred & Ninety five Pounds of Tobacco for his Costs & Damages which he had sustained
by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt whereof the same Richard is Convict as by the Record
& Proces thereof in the said Provincial Court at the said City of Annapolis now remaining —
more fully & manifestly appeareth Upon which said Judgment the same Samuel Poole —
afterward to wit the Seventh Day of June in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred twenty &
Seven presented out of the said Provincial Court here a Certain Writ of the said Lord Propry of
Capias ad satisfaciendum bearing Date the third Day of June in the same year last mentioned to the then High Sheriff of Cecil County directed by which Writ unto the same Sheriff of Cecil
County it was Commanded that he should take the aft Richard Normansell if he should be —
found within his Bailywick & him safe keep so that he should have his Body before the Justices
of his said Lordships Provincial Court here to wit at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October then —
next Ensuing to satisfie unto the same Samuel Poole as well of the aft Debt of One hundred &
fifty Pounds ten Shillings & Eight pence which the same Samuel Poole in the same Court here
had recovered against him as nine hundred & Ninety five Pounds of Tobacco which unto the
same Samuel Poole in the same Court here were adjudged for his Costs & Damages which he —
had sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt whereof he was Convict which said Writ
the same Samuel Poole afterward & before the return of the same Writ to wit the first Day of
July in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred twenty & Seven at Bohemia in Cecil County
aft & unto the aft John Smith then High Sheriff of the same County being in form of Law to be —
executed did deliver by Virtue of which Writ the aft John Smith afterward & before the return of
the same Writ to wit the first Day of August in the year aft & at Bohemia aft in the said County
the aft Richard Normansell did take & arrest & him the same Richard Normansell then & there
in Prison in Execution for the Debt Costs & Damages aft had and detained & the aft Richard —
Normansell in the Custody of the said John Smith in form aft being the same John Smith afterward
to wit the Eighteenth Day of October in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred twenty and
seven at Bohemia in Cecil County aft the aft Richard Normansell out of the Custody of him the —
said John Smith freely & voluntarily to escape & at large where he the Richard Normansell
would without this Licence & against the Will of the said Samuel Poole to go did permit the