W. W.s. The Lord Propy. } Command was given to the Sheriff of Annarundel County that he should
& } take William Thornton late of Annarundell County Gentleman otherwise called
No. 28. William Thornton } William Thornton of Annarundell County if he should be found in his
Bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of his
Lordships Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October then next to answer
unto his said Lordship of a Plea that he render unto him the full Sum and just Quantity of
Two hundred Thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which to him
he oweth and unjustly detaineth &c. and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail &c.
And thereupon Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who for the said Lord
Propy. in this behalf followeth Declares against the aforesd William Thornton in the Plea aforesd
as follows Viz.t

Maryland ss. William Thornton late of Annarundel County Gentleman otherwise called William
Thornton of Annarundel County was Summoned to Answer unto the Right Honourable Charles
Lord Baron of Baltimore of a Plea that he render unto him the full Sum and just Quantity of
Two hundred Thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which to
him he oweth and unjustly detaineth &c.

And Whereupon Henry Darnall Esq.r his Lordships Attorney General of the Province aforesd who
for the said Lord Propy. in this behalf Prosecuteth saith that Whereas the aforesd William
Thornton on the nineteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven
hundred and forty seven at Annarundel County aforesd by his certain Writing Obligatory
Acknowledged himself to be held and firmly Bound unto the said Lord Proprietary in the
aforesd full Sum and just Quantity of Two hundred Thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchanta-
ble Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid unto the said Lord Propy. when thereto he should be
required Nevertheless the aforesd William Thornton altho' often required the aforesd Two hundred
Thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to the same Lord
Propy. hath not paid but the same to him hitherto to pay hath denied and Gainsayed
and still doth deny and gainsay wherefore he says he is the worse and has Loss to the
Value of three hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and this for the said Lord Propy. the
said Attorney General is ready to verify And the said Attorney General brings here into Court
the Writing aforesd which Testifies the Debt aforesd in form aforesd whose date is the day and
Year above said &c.

Pledges &c. { John Doe
{ Rd. Roe

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the Writ in the Plea aforesaid

At which said third Tuesday of October to wit the 17.th day of the same Month Anno
Dom 1749. being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes the said Henry Darnall Esq.r
Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c. and the Sheriff of Annarundel County to
whom the same Writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here
thus Endorsed Viz.t Copi Copy served in time p. John Gafs away Shff.

And the said William Thornton by Stephen Bordley his Attorney comes &c. defends the
Force and Injury when &c. and prays an hearing of the Original Writ of the same Lord
Propy. against him the same William in this Cause Impetrated and he hath it in these Words
following Viz.t Maryland ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Propy. of the Province of
Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Sheriff of Annarundell County
Greeting We Command you that you take William Thornton late of Annarundell County
Gentleman otherwise called William Thornton of Annarundel County if he shall be found in your
Bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his Body before the Justices of our Prov.l
Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next to Answer unto us of a
Plea that he render unto us the full Sum and just Quantity of two hundred Thousand
Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which to us he oweth and
unjustly detaineth &c. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this

(Writ)

Writ. Witness Benjamin Young Esq.r Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 27.th day of May in
the 35.th Year of our Dominion &c.d Anno Dom.i 1749

We pray also a hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesd and it is read unto him he prays also a
hearing of the Condition of the same Writing and it is read unto him in these Words following Viz.t
The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bounden William Thornton do well
truly serve his Lordship the Lord Propy. his Heirs and Successors in the Office of high Sheriff of the
County of Annarundel within the Province afore and in all things well and faithfully Execute the
same Office and also shall render unto his said Lordship and other his Officers a true and just
Account of their Fees that he shall or may be entrusted with by his said Lordships Governor and
other his Officers within this Province to receive and collect and his Account to his said Lordship
his Heirs and Successors and to his and their Governor here for the time being for the Fines & forfeitures
and other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governor as also his Account of all Fees dues &
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 entrusted during the time of his Shrievalty
for this Present or to such of them as shall require the same shall pass and render by the Tenth
day of May next ensuing the date hereof and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Am=
=Arundel shall behave himself well and Honestly to all Persons according to the best of his
Power Skill and Knowledge then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect or else to stand in full
force Strength and Virtue

Which being read and heard the said William Thornton saving to himself all manner of
Advantage as well to the Writ as to the Declaration aforesd prays Leave to Imparle hereunto until next
Court and he hath it and the same day is given to Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the
said Lord Propy. who &c.d also

At which said next Court to wit the 6.th day of April Anno Dom.i 1750. Comes again as well the
Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c.d as the aforesd William
Thornton by his Attorney aforesd and the said William Thornton by his said Attorney prays further
leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the
Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c.d also

At which said next Court to wit the 11.th day of Sept.r Anno Dom.i 1750. Comes again as well
the said Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c.d as the aforesd William
Thornton by his Attorney aforesd and the said William Thornton by his said Attorney prays
further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given
to the said Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c.d also

At which said next Court to wit the 9.th day of April Anno Dom.i 1751. Comes again as well the
said Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c.d as the aforesd William
Thornton by his Attorney aforesd and the said William Thornton by his said Attorney prays further
leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to Henry
Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c.d also

At which said next Court to wit the 10.th day of September Anno Dom.i 1751. Comes again as well
the said Henry Darnall Esq.r Attorney General of the said Lord Propy. who &c.d as the aforesd William
Thornton by his Attorney aforesd and the said William Thornton by his said Attorney as before
defends the Force and Injury when &c.d and saith that the said Lord Propy. his Action aforesd against
him the said William to have or maintain ought not because he saith that he the said William
did from and after the making the Writing Obligatory aforesd well and truly serve his Lordship
the Lord Propy. of the Province aforesd in the Office of high Sheriff of the County of Annarundel
within the Province aforesd and that he the same William did in all things well & faithfully
Execute the same Office and did also render unto his said Lordship and other his Officers
a true faithfull and perfect Account of their Fees that he was Entrusted with by his said
Lordships Governor and other his Officers within this Province to receive and collect and
that he the said William his Accounts to his said Lordship and to his Governor here
for the time being for the Fines and Forfeitures and other dues belonging to his said

(Lordship)