said Joseph is ready to verify wherefore the same Joseph Prays Judg=
=ment if the aforesaid Attorney General of the aforesaid Lord Propri=
=etary that now is for the said Lord Proprietary the Action aforesaid thereof
against him to have or maintain Ought &c. —

And the aforesaid Joseph by the Licence of the Court here
according to the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided
Comes and defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays a
hearing of the Writing aforesaid in the Declaration aforesaid
mentioned and he hath it &c. he also prays a hearing of the
Condition of the same Writing and he hath it in these Words following

he also prays a hearing of the Original Writ of the aforesaid
Lord Proprietary in the Plea aforesaid against him the said
Joseph and he hath it in these words following —

Maryland ss. Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the
Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore
&c. To the Sheriff of Dorchester County Greeting We Command you
that you take Joseph Griffin late of Dorchester County Gentleman
otherwise called Joseph Griffin of Dorchester County in the Province
aforesaid if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe
keep so that you have his Body before the Justices of our Provincial
Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next
to Answer unto us in 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 Owes and
unjustly detains and so forth hereof fail not at your Peril

(and)

and have you then and there this Writ Witness John Brice
Esquire one of the Justices of our Provincial Court the 25th day
of May in the 4th Year of our Dominion &c. Annoque Domini 1754
Issued June 4th 1754. (J Bordley) R Burdus Clk

he also prays a hearing of the Indorsement made upon the same
Writ and he hath it in these words —

Memorandum The within Writ Sued on Ennalls Hooper's
Sheriffs Bond dated the 12th day of November 1748 at the Instance
and request of Anthony Bacon and Henry Lowes —

Test. R Burdus Clk

Which being read and heard the same Joseph further saith that
the aforesaid Attorney General of the said Lord Proprietary that
now is the Action aforesaid thereof against him the said Joseph to
have and maintain Ought not because he saith that the Writ
aforesaid in the Plea aforesaid on the Writing aforesaid was issued
and the Action aforesaid on the same Writing was brought at the
request of the aforesaid Anthony Bacon and Henry Lowes and to and
for their Sole and proper use Benefit and Advantage and that
by an Act of Assembly of this Province made at a Session of
Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Tenth day
of July Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred and twenty nine Intituled
an Act to prevent Rigorous prosecutions on Sheriffs, Testamentary
Administration and Deputy Commissarys Bonds it was among
other things Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprie=
=tary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships
Governour and the upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and
the Authority of the same that all Actions after that Time
to be brought on Sheriffs Bonds after that Time to be passed
Should be Sued or brought within the Space of five Years after

(the)