of Tobacco aforesaid whereupon the aforesaid Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that now is being
sworn doth saith —

And the said John Cooke by David Dulany his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury
when &c. and prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to
Stephen Bordley Attorney General who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Eleventh day of April Anno Dom. 1758 comes again as well
Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. for the said Lord Proprietary that now is
the said John Cooke by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he
hath it and the same day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Twelfth day of September Anno Dom. 1758 comes again as well
Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. for the said Lord Proprietary that now is
the said John Cooke by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he
hath it and the same day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Tenth day of April Anno Dom. 1759 comes again as well Stephen
Bordley Esquire Attorney General who &c. for the said Lord Proprietary that now is the said John Cooke by his
Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that he with the Debt aforesaid
by Virtue of the Writing Obligatory ought not to be hereunto because he saith that Writing is not his Deed
and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. And the aforesaid Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary
that now is in like Manner and so forth —

And the aforesaid John by leave of the Court here according to the form of the Statute in such Case
made and provided by his Attorney aforesaid further defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays a
hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and he hath it in these words following to wit — Maryland ss.
Know all Men by these Presents that We Osborn Sprigg Joseph Belt and John Cooke of Prince Georges
County in the Province aforesaid are holden and firmly bound unto the Right Honourable Charles Lord
Baltimore in the full and just Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable
Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid unto the said Right Honourable Charles Lord Baltimore his Heirs and Assigns
to which Payment well and truly to be made We bind our Selves and every of Us our and every of our Heirs
Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these
Presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this twenty first day of September in the Year of our Lord
God 1747 — He prays also an Hearing of the Condition of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and he
hath it as follows — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above
Bound Osborn Sprigg do well and truly serve the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baltimore
his Heirs and Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Prince Georges within
the Province aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully the same Office and also shall render unto his said Lord-
ship and other his Officers a true faithfull and perfect Account of all and Singular his said Lordships Rights and
and Dues and to 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 and Forfeitures and other Dues belonging to his said Lordships Governor as also his Account of all fees

(Dues)

Dues and 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 as Sheriff of the County of Prince Georges 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 else to stand in full force Strength and
Virtue — Which being read and heard the said Jobb saith that the said Attorney for the said Lord Proprietary that
now is the Action aforesaid against him the said John ought not to have because he says that after the making the writing
Obligatory aforesaid and before the Suing the Writ aforesaid in the Plea aforesaid the aforesaid Osborn Sprigg in the Condition of the
said Writing Obligatory mentioned did well and truly serve his Lordship the Lord Proprietary in the Condition aforesaid mentioned
in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Prince Georges in the Province aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully
Executed the same Office and also rendered unto his said Lordship and other his Officers a true faithful and perfect Account of
all and Singular his said Lordships Rights and dues and his Officers a true and just Account of their fees that he was
entrusted with by his Lordships Governor and other his Officers within this Province to receive and Collect and his Account to his
said Lordship and his Governor here for the Time being for the Fines and Forfeitures and other Dues belonging to his said Lordships
Governor as also his Account of all Fees dues and 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 was intrusted during the Time of his Shrievalty for that
Present or to such of them as did require the Same did pass and render by the Tenth day of May next ensuing the Date of the
said Writing Obligatory and in all other things as Sheriff of the said County of Prince Georges did behave himself
well and Honestly to all Persons according to the best of his Power Skill and knowledge to wit at Prince Georges
County aforesaid and this he is ready to verify &c. Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Attorney General for
the said Lord Proprietary the Action aforesaid against him the said John ought to have or maintain —

And the said John Cooke by leave of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such Case made and
provided further by his said Attorney defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays an hearing of the Writ aforesaid
and the Endorsement thereon and he hath the Same as follows to wit —

Maryland ss. Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron
of Baltimore &c. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County Greeting We Command you that you take John Cooke late
of Prince Georges County Gentleman otherwise called John Cooke of Prince Georges County in the Province aforesaid
if he should 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 Second Tuesday of September next to Answer unto Us in a
Plea that he render unto us the full and Just Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchant-
able Leaf Tobacco which to Us he Owes and unjustly Detains and so forth Hereof fail not at your Peril and
have you then and there this Writ Witness John Brice John Brice Esquire Chief Justice of our Provincial
Court the 19th day of May in the 7th Year of our Dominion &c. Annoque Domini 1757 —
Issued 27th May 1757 — (B Bordley) R J Ghiselin Clk

On the Back of the aforegoing Writ was these Endorsed to wit —
Memorandum. The within Writ is issued on Osborn Sprigg Sheriff Bond dated the Twenty first September 1747
by Order of the Governor and Council on the Address of the Lower House of Assembly —
Test R J Ghiselin Clk

Which being read and heard the said John says that the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that

(now)