respect of a Sufficient Replication in this behalf the said John prays Judgment and that the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary may be Barred from having his Action against him the said John and so forth —

And the said Attorney General of the said Lord Proprietary that now is who and so forth saith that the Replication of the said Attorney General as to the third Plea of the aforesaid John is good and Sufficient in Law for the Same Attorney General the Action aforesaid of the said Lord Proprietary that now is against the aforesaid John for the same Lord Proprietary to have and maintain which plea the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary is ready to Verify and prove and for that the said John hath not Answered to that Plea nor the Same in any manner denied, the Same Attorney General as at first prays Judgment for the Debt aforesaid together with the Damages sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt to the said Lord Proprietary that now is to be adjudged and so forth —

Sta. The Lord Proprty } Maryland ss. Joseph Belt late of Prince Georges County in the Province of
a } Maryland Gentleman otherwise called Joseph Belt of Prince Georges County in the
Dd. Joseph Belt } Province aforesaid Gentleman was Summoned to Answer unto the Right Honourable
Frederick Lord Proprietary of this Province in 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 Owes and unjusly detains and so forth —

And whereupon Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General of the said Frederick Lord Proprty who for the said Lord Proprietary that now is in this Part prosecuteth says that whereas the aforesaid Joseph on the Eighteenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and forty Seven at Prince Georges County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory with the Seal of him the said Joseph Sealed and to the Court of the Said Lord Proprietary now here Shewn whose date is the day and Year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the Right Honourable Charles late Lord Baltimore lately deceased in his Lifetime by the Name of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary in the aforesaid Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco (and)

and Cask to be paid to the said Charles late Lord Proprietary his Heirs and Successors when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph (altho often thereunto required) the aforesaid Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to the said Charles late Lord Proprietary in his Lifetime or to the said Lord Proprietary that now is since the Death of him the said Charles late Lord Proprietary hath not paid but the Same to the said Charles late Lord Proprietary or to the said Lord Proprietary that now is since the Death of him the said Charles late Lord Proprietary to pay he hath altogether refused and the Same to the said Lord Proprietary that now is still doth refuse to the Damage of the said Lord Proprietary that now is in the Quantity of Fifty thousand Pounds of Tobacco aforesaid Whereupon the aforesaid Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary brings Suit and so forth —

And the aforesaid Joseph Belt by Daniel 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 Esquire Attorney General who &c. &c. —

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. as the said Joseph Belt by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Joseph Belt by his said Attorney 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. as the said Joseph Belt by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Joseph Belt by his said Attorney 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. as the said Joseph Belt by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Joseph by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that he with the Debt aforesaid by Vertue of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid ought not to be burthened because he says that that Writing is not his Deed and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. — And the aforesaid Joseph by Leave of the Court here and 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 an Hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and it is read unto him in the following Words and figures 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 Gentlemen are holden and firmly bound to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary in the full Sum and Just Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid to his said Lordship his heirs and Successors To the which payment well and truly to be made We bind ourselves 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 the Eighteenth day of September in the thirty fourth Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq; Domini 1748 — He also prays 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 bounden Osborn Sprigg do well and truly Serve his Lordship the Lord Proprietary 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 execute the same Office and also shall render 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 shall or may be Intrusted (with)