County aforesaid by Virtue of the Act of Assembly aforesaid did receive of and from Sundry Persons Inhabitants of Prince Georges County aforesaid taking Ordinary Licences pursuant to the said Act the Sum of One hundred Pounds Current Money out of which said Sum of Money the said Osborn Spriggs was entitled to five pounds Current Money for his Salary aforesaid and Ninety five Pounds the Residue thereof Ought to have been by him paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees on or before the last day of April then next ensuing — Nevertheless the aforesaid Osborn Spriggs the aforesaid Sum of Ninety five Pounds Current Money Residue aforesaid to the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid (tho' afterwards required) hath not paid but the same to them to pay hath always hitherto refused and still doth refuse Contrary to the true Intent and meaning of the Condition aforesaid And this the said Attorney General is ready to Verify and so forth — and therefore prays Judgment for the Debt aforesaid together with the Damages Sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt to the said Lord Proprietary to be Adjudged and so forth —

And as to the third Plea aforesaid of the aforesaid Joseph alias plaintiff the said Attorney General saith that the said Lord Proprietary that now is from having and maintaining his Action aforesaid for any thing therein Alledged to be precluded Ought not because he saith that by an Act of Assembly of this Province made and passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis in Maryland the Second day of October Seventeen hundred and fifty three Entitled an Act for Securing and recovering the Money therein mentioned — recited that Several Large and Considerable Sums of Money had theretofore been received by Sundry Sheriffs within this Province on Account of Ordinary Licences and for the Use of the Public which then remained due from and unpaid by such Sheriffs and that it was apprehended that in Case of Suits brought against such Sheriffs the Length of Time Since the Receit of such Money might be a Bar to such Suits to prevent which it is Enacted that in any Action or Actions to be commenced upon any Sheriffs Bond within this Province or Scire facias to be prosecuted upon any Judgment on such Bond for Money or Tobacco theretofore received by such Sheriff on Account of Ordinary Licences and for the Use of the Public of this Province such Sheriff and his Heirs Executors and Administrators should not be entitled to or have any Benefit or Advantage of any Act or Acts of Limitation any Law to the Contrary Notwithstanding and the aforesaid Attorney General further saith that the Writing Obligatory aforesaid by the aforesaid Osborn Spriggs in the Condition aforesaid Mentioned as Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid and him the said Joseph was made and the aforesaid Osborn Spriggs as Sheriff aforesaid did receive the aforesaid Sum of One hundred Pounds Current Money on Account of Ordinary Licences and for the use of the Public of this Province before the making and passing the Act of Assembly aforesaid to wit at Prince Georges County aforesaid and this the said Attorney General is ready to Verify and so forth and therefore prays Judgment for the Debt aforesaid together with the Damages Sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt to the said Lord Proprietary to be Adjudged and so forth —

And the aforesaid Joseph as to the Replication of the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary to the Second Plea of him the said Joseph protesting that the Replication aforesaid and the Matter therein Contained are insufficient in Law for the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary his Action aforesaid against him the said Joseph to have and Maintain and protesting also that the said Osborn did not receive the said Sum of One hundred Pounds Current Money as aforesaid for Plea by way of Rejoinder Nevertheless he saith that before the Impetration of the Original Writ

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in this Case to wit on the last day of April in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty at Prince Georges County aforesaid to the said Osborn Spriggs in the Condition aforesaid mentioned did pay unto the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid the said Sum of Ninety five Pounds Current Money of Maryland and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. And the aforesaid Attorney General of the said Lord Proprietary in like Manner &c. —

And as to the Replication of the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary to the third plea of him the said Joseph the said Joseph says that the said Replication and the Matter therein Contained are not Sufficient in Law for the said Attorney General on behalf of the said Lord Proprietary to have and Maintain his Action aforesaid against him the said Joseph and that he has no need nor is Obliged by the Law of the Land to Answer to the said Replication in Manner and form aforesaid Pleaded and this he is ready to Verify &c. wherefore for defect of a Sufficient Replication in this Behalf the said Joseph prays Judgment and that the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary may be Barred from having his Action against him the said Joseph and so forth —

And the said Attorney General for 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 Joseph 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 Joseph for the same Lord Proprietary to have and Maintain which same plea the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary is ready to Verify and prove and for that the said Joseph 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 —

NB. The Lord Proprty a John Cooke — } Maryland ffs. John Cooke late of Prince Georges County in the Province of Maryland Gentleman otherwise called John Cooke of Prince Georges County in the 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 and just Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cask which to him he Owes and unjustly detains and so forth —

And whereupon Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General of the said Frederick Lord Proprietary who for the said Lord Proprietary that now is in this part Prosecuteth says that whereas the aforesaid John on the Eighteenth day of September in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and forty Eight at Prince Georges County aforesaid by

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