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 Entituled an Act for Securing and recovering the Money therein mentioned reciting 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 Publick 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 Debt 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 Bonds within this Province or Scire facias to be prosecuted upon any Judgment on such Bonds for Money or Tobacco thereto before received by such Sheriff on Account of Ordinary Licences and for the Use of the Publick 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 William Marsdrel in the Condition aforesaid mentioned as Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid and the said George was made and the aforesaid William Marsdrel as Sheriff aforesaid did receive the aforesaid Sum of One hundred and fourteen pounds Current Money on Account of Ordinary Licences and for the Use of the Publick 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 George Scott as to the Replication of the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary to the Second Plea of him the said George 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 George to have and Maintain and protesting also that the said William did not receive the said Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds as aforesaid for Plea by way of Rejoinder Nevertheless he Saith that before the Impetration of the Original Writ in this Cause to wit on the last Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and forty Eight at Prince Georges County aforesaid the said William Maudrel in the Condition aforesaid mentioned did pay unto the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid the said Sum of one hundred and fourteen Pounds Current Money 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 &c.

And as to the Replication of the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary to the third Plea of him the said George the said George 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 said Action against him the said George and that he has no reason 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 George prays Judgment and that the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary may be barred from having his said Action against him the said George and so forth.

And the said Attorney General of the said Lord Proprietary that now is who and so forth Saith that (the)

the Replication of the said Attorney General as to the third plea of the aforesaid George 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 George 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 George 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.

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DD. Joseph Belt Junr. } Maryland ss. Joseph Belt Junior late of Prince Georges County in the Province of Maryland Gentleman otherwise called Joseph Belt Junior of Prince Georges County in the Province aforesaid 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 Joseph on the twenty Eighth Day of August in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and forty five 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 Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland &c. in the aforesaid Quantity of Two hundred thousand Pounds of good sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid to the said Charles late Lord Proprietary his Heirs or Successors when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph (although 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)