At which said next Court to wit the thirteenth Day of September Anno Dom. 1757 Comes again as well Stephen Bordley Esquire Attorney General who for as the said John Hammond Dorsey by his Attorney aforesaid and the said John Hammond Dorsey 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 for 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 for as the said John Hammond Dorsey by his Attorney aforesaid and the said John Hammond Dorsey 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 for 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 for as the said John Hammond Dorsey by his Attorney aforesaid and the said John Hammond Dorsey 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 for 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 for as the said John Hammond Dorsey by his Attorney aforesaid and the said John Hammond by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that he owes the Debt aforesaid by Virtue of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid ought not to be burthened because he saith that that Writing is not his Deed and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c —

And the aforesaid John Hammond by Leave of the Court here and According to the form of the Statute in such Case made and Provided by his Attorney further defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays an Hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and he hath it in the words following to wit —

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that We Henry Morgan William Bond Greenbery Dorsey and John Hammond Dorsey of Baltimore County in the Province aforesaid are holden and firmly bound unto the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary in the full Sum and just Quantity of three hundred thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco in Cask to be paid to the said Lord Proprietary his Heirs and Successors To 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 this third Day of June in the Year of our Lord 1747 —

He also prays an Hearing of the Condition of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and he hath it in the following Words to wit — The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that if the above bound Henry Morgan do well and truly Serve the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Heirs and Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of Baltimore County in the Province aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully Execute the same Office and also shall render unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and other his Officers a true faithful and perfect Account of all and Singular his said Lordships Rights and Dues and to his Officers a just and true 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 or 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 Sums of Money or Tobacco due to the good People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith (he)

he the said Sheriff shall be entrusted during the Time of his Shrivalty 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 of the County of Baltimore 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 or else to remain in full force Strength and Virtue —

He prays also a Hearing of the Indorsement of the Writ aforesaid which is read to him in these words to wit —

Memorandum the with Writ is Sued on Henry Morgan's Sheriffs Bond Dated 8th June 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 Hammond Saith that the Said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that now is the Action aforesaid against him the said John Hammond to have or Maintain ought not because he saith that after the making the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and before the Issuing the writ aforesaid in the Plea aforesaid the said Henry Morgan in the Condition of the said Writing mentioned did well and truly Serve the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Heirs and Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of Baltimore County in the Province aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully did execute the same Office and also did render unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and other his Officers a true faithful and perfect Account of all and Singular his said Lordships Rights and Dues and to his Officers a just and true Account of their Fees that he was 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 Lordship's Governor as also his Account of all Fees Dues Sums of Money or Tobacco due to the good People within this Province for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith the said Henry Morgan 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 County of Baltimore did behave himself well and honestly to all Persons according to the best of his power Skill and knowledge to wit at Baltimore County aforesaid and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary the Action aforesaid against him the said John Hammond to have or maintain ought &c. —

And the aforesaid John Hammond 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 saith that the aforesaid Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that now is the Action aforesaid against him the said John Hammond to have or maintain ought not because he saith that at a Sefsion of Assembly began and held at the City of Annapolis in Maryland the Tenth day of July Seventeen hundred and twenty Nine an Act was made and Enacted Entituled an Act to prevent vigorous Prosecutions on Sheriff Testamentary Administration and Deputy-Commissarys Bonds by which said Act it was Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same among other things that all Actions thereafter to be brought on Sheriffs Bonds thereafter to be passed should be sued or brought within the space of five Years after the passing such Bond and not afterwards as by the said Act among other things more fully appears and the said John Hammond further saith that the Writing Obligatory aforesaid was passed after making and Enacting the Act aforesaid to wit on the third day of June in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and forty Seven at the County aforesaid and that the Action aforesaid was not sued or brought on the aforesaid Writing Obligatory within the space of five Years after the passing the same and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary the Action aforesaid against him the said John Hammond to have or maintain ought &c. —