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Hundred and Seventy three. — The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound William Hopper and James Kent do and shall well and truly Pay or cause to be Paid unto the said Robert Browne his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full Sum of Three hundred and Forty three Pounds Nine Shillings and one Penny current Money at or upon the Twelfth day of April next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest from the time of Payment for the same then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law —

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of ..... } Richard Willson

Wm Hopper (Seal)
James Kent (Seal)

Which being read and heard the said William Hopper and James Kent by their said Attorney pray leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also at which said next Court to wit the Second Tuesday of April, being the 18th day of the same Month Anno Domini 1775 comes the said Robert Browne by his Attorney aforesaid and prays that the said William Hopper and James Kent to his Declaration aforesaid in the Plea aforesaid may Answer but the said William Hopper and James Kent altho ... solemnly called come not again but made default Whereby the said Robert Browne remains — against the said William Hopper and James Kent without further Defence in the Plea aforesaid

Therefore it is considered by the Justices here that the said Robert Browne — Recover against the said William Hopper and James Kent as well the Sum of Six hundred ... and Eighty Six Pounds Eight Shillings and Two Pence his Debt aforesaid as the Sum of Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his Assent adjudged as well for his Damages Sustained by means of detaining that Debt as for his Costs and Charges ... by him about his Suit in that behalf laid out and Expended and the said Defendants in Mercy and so forth. — Test. Geo: Rankin Clk.

Mem. The Plaintiff releases the Penalty — upon payment of Principal Int. and Costs and Agrees to stay Execution until 15th Sept. next

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The Lord Proprietary against Jn. Alexr. Calder } Maryland Kent County (to wit) Alexander Calder late of Queen Anns County Gentleman otherwise called Alexander Calder of Kent County in the Province aforesaid was Summoned to Answer unto the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland in a plea that he render unto him the full Sum and just Quantity of Four hundred Thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which to him he owes and Unjustly detains and so forth and Whereupon Thomas Jennings Esqr. Attorney General of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is who for the said Lord Proprietary in this part Prosecuteth saith that Whereas the said Alexander on the Nineteenth day of December in the Year Seventeen hundred and Sixty Nine at Kent County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory Sealed with the Seal of him the said Alexander and to the Court now here shewn the Date whereof is the Day and Year aforesaid Acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Frederick Lord (Baltimore

Baltimore in his Life time by the name of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore in the aforesaid full Sum and just Quantity of Four hundred Thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid to the said Frederick his Heirs and Successors when afterwards he the said Alexander should be thereunto required Nevertheless the said Alexander the aforesaid Quantity of Four hundred Thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to the said Frederick in his Life time or to the said Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is since the Decease of the said Frederick hath not rendered or Paid (altho so to do the said Alexander was by the said Frederick in his Life time and since his decease by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is often required) but hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to render or pay the same wherefore the said Attorney General who for the said Lord Proprietary that now is in this part Prosecuteth saith the said now Lord Proprietary is the worse and hath damage to the value of One hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and therefore he — bringeth Suit and so forth — Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe. —

And the aforesaid Alexander by Joseph Nicholson his Attorney comes and defends the Force and Injury when and so forth and prays an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath them as follows to wit. —

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that We Alexander Calder Joseph Nicholson Senr. and John Carvile Symson of Kent County in the Province aforesaid are holden and firmly bound to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore in the full Sum and just Quantity of Four 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 Nineteenth day of December in the Nineteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty nine. —

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Alexander Calder do well and truly Serve his Lordship his Heirs and Successors in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Kent 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 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 and 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 of the County of Kent shall behave himself well and honestly to all persons according to the best of his Power skill and knowledge

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