Young do truly diligently and faithfully discharge the duty of an under Sheriff and Deputy Collector of the Taxes to the said Nicholas Blacklock so long as he the said Hezekiah Young shall continue in the said Office and use his best endeavors and collect the several sums of money and Tobacco which he may from time to time be entrusted with by the said Nicholas Blacklock as Sheriff, Collector of the Taxes or otherwise and pay to or account with the said Nicholas Blacklock for such Collections and in all things and matters whatsoever fully indemnify the said Nicholas Blacklock from all and any damage he may or might sustain by the said Hezekiah Young as Deputy Sheriff and Collector of the Taxes or otherwise as aforesaid and the said Hezekiah Hezekiah Young shall within fourteen days from the time he may be discharged from the said Office deliver up to the said Nicholas Blacklock all the papers relating to the said Office & if any balance should appear due to the said Nicholas Blacklock on settlement with the said Hezekiah Young which settlement shall be made within fourteen days from the time of his discharge aforesaid, And Hezekiah Young obliges himself to give Bond if required with approved security to the said Nicholas Blacklock for the balance aforesaid and the said Hezekiah Young obliges himself at the time of said settlement to deliver up the said Nicholas Blacklock his under Sheriff and Collectors Books then in such case the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in the presence of the subscriber after being interlined with the word (business) Ro: Townshend

Hezekiah Young (seal)
Thomas Young (seal)

copies of which said Declaration and oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed, to be served on the Defendant with the writ or left at his last place of abode twenty days at least before the return of the said writ for plea or Judgment the first Court

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the said Nicholas Blacklock by his attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid to wit Edward Lloyd Wailes Gentleman to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit,

"N. E." Edwd. Lloyd Wailes Shff.

Nevertheless the said Thomas Young by William Tilly his attorney

voluntarily comes here into Court and defends the force and injury when &c and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next and to him it is granted the same day is given to the said Nicholas Blacklock also.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, to which said day the said Thomas Young had leave to imparle, comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock by his attorney aforesaid as the said Thomas Young by his attorney aforesaid, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Thomas Young answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof and the said Thomas Young by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted; the same day is given the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock also.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eleventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety to which said day the said Thomas Young had leave to imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock in the plea aforesaid, comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock by his attorney aforesaid as the said Thomas Young by his attorney aforesaid; and the said Thomas Young by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and also of the condition thereof and he hath them as follow to wit, Know all men by these presents that we Hezekiah Young and Thomas Young of Prince Georges county in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Nicholas Blacklock High Sheriff of the County aforesaid in the full and just sum of three thousand pounds sterling, To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally in the whole and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this thirty first day of March seventeen hundred and eighty seven, Whereas the aforesaid Nicholas Blacklock hath continued and appointed the above bound Hezekiah Young one of his Deputy Sheriff and Collector of the publick and county assessment for Prince Georges County aforesaid to act and use under him the said Nicholas Blacklock as one of his Deputy Sheriffs and Collectors in Mattapany Hundred, Washington Hundred and Prince Frederick Hundred in the County aforesaid during his pleasure paying & allowing him two per cent for all money he may collect for Offices fees

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