John Clapham & William Eddis against Smith Bishop

The State of Maryland sent to the Sheriff of Worcester County hereclose Writ in the Words following to wit: The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Worcester County Greeting. Whereas it appears by the Records of our General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland That Smith Bishop late of Worcester County Gentleman did by his certain Writing obligatory now affiled of Record in the same Court bearing date the twenty fourth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six acknowledge himself to be held and firmly bound unto John Clapham and William Eddis Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly of the Province of Maryland in the sum of Two hundred and forty Pounds Sterling and whereas the said Smith Bishop hath failed in the payment of the aft. sum of Two hundred and forty Pounds Sterling and need now requires that the said Writing obligatory be sued for the better securing the said sum We do therefore hereby Command you that by good and lawful Men of your bailiwick you make known to the said Smith Bishop that he be and appear before the Judges of our said General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland to be held at Talbot County Courthouse on the second Tuesday of September next to show cause if any he hath why our Commissioners aft. for our use should not have Execution of the Debt aft. against the Body Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements Rights or Credits of the said Smith Bishop according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case provided if to him it shall seem meet and have you then and there the names of those before whom you make the same known unto him and this Writ. Witness The Honourable William Paca Esq. chief Judge of our said Court this fourteenth day of April Anno Dominii 1778.

James Earle Clk

Issued the 18th day of August 1778.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and seventy eight came the aft. John Clapham and William Eddis by Thomas Jennings their Attorney And the Sheriff of Worcester County aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the Words following to wit Tardy. Benj. Purnell Shff

Whereupon it was again Commanded to the Sheriff of Worcester County aft. that by good and lawful Men of his Bailiwick he should make known unto the said Smith Bishop that he should be and appear before the Judges aft. at Talbot County aft. the second Tuesday of April then next to shew if any thing for himself he had or to say know why our Commissioners aft. for our use should not have Execution of the Debt aft. against the Body Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements Rights or Credits of the said Smith Bishop according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case provided if to him it should seem meet and that he should have then and there the names of those before whom he should make the same known unto him and this Writ Witness The Honourable William Paca Esq. chief Judge of our said Court the the 21st day of September A.D. 1778

James Earle Clk.

Issued the 16. day of December 1778.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and seventy nine came the aft. John Clapham and William Eddis by their Attorney aft. And the Sheriff of Worcester County aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the Words following to wit,

By Virtue of the within Writ to me directed I hereby certify that I have made known to the within named Smith Bishop by good and lawful Men of my Bailiwick that he be and appear before the Judges of our said General Court to be held at the time and place within mentioned to show cause why Execution should not be had against according to the direction of the within Writ as to me is directed so answer

Benj. Purnell Sheriff.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and seventy nine cometh the aft. John Clapham and William Eddis by their Attorney aft. And the aft. John Clapham and William Eddis by their Attorney aft. Prayed that the aft. Smith Bishop to the Writ of them the same John Clapham and William Eddis may answer And the aft. Smith Bishop altho' solemnly called cometh not nor to the Writ of them the same John Clapham and William Eddis doth answer but maketh default

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the aft. John Clapham and William Eddis do recover against the said Smith Bishop the sum of Two hundred and forty Pounds Sterling the Debt aft. as also

for their Damages which they have sustained as well by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt as for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this part appeared unto the aft. John Clapham and William Eddis by the Court here adjudged and so forth.

James Earle Clk

John Clapham & William Eddis against George Adams

The State of Maryland sent to the Sheriff of Worcester County hereclose Writ in the Words following to wit,

The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Worcester County Greeting. Whereas it appears by the Records of our General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland That George Adams late of Worcester County died by his certain writing obligatory now affiled of Record in the same Court bearing date the seventh day of June in the year seventeen hundred and seventy four acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto John Clapham and William Eddis Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly of the Province of Maryland in the sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling And whereas the said George Adams hath failed in the payment of the aft. Sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling And need now requires that the said writing obligatory be sued for the better securing the said Sum We do therefore hereby Command you that by good and lawful Men of your bailiwick you make known to the said George Adams that he