The Lord Proprietary
against
William Porter.

The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Cecil County Greeting. Whereas at a General Court begun and held in Talbot County at the Courthouse in the County aforesaid in and for the Eastern Shore of the State on the second Tuesday of September last before The Honourable William Paca Esq^re chief Judge of our said Court and others his Associates then Judges of the same Court The Lord Proprietary had sued and impleaded a certain William Porter late of Cecil County for that whereas the aft William Porter on the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy at Cecil County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory with the seal of him the said William Porter sealed 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 Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province in the sum of Fifteen hundred Pounds Sterling Money to be paid to the said Lord Proprietary when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aft William Porter altho' often thereunto required the aft Sum of Money to the said late Lord Proprietary or to the said Lord Proprietary that now is to pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Lord Proprietary that now is in the Sum of fifteen hundred Pounds aft Whereupon the aft Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that now is brings suit and so forth

Pledges and so forth. { John Doe and Richard Roe

Thomas Jennings Attorney General

And the aft William Porter by James Wilson his Attorney comes and defends the Force and Injury when and so forth and prayeth an hearing of the writing obligatory aft and the Condition thereof and he hath them as follow to wit.

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that we Robert Porter Junior, William Porter James Porter and Samuel Gillispie all of Cecil County in said Province are held and firmly bound unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province in the full and just sum of fifteen hundred Pounds Sterling Money to be paid to his said Lordship his heirs and successors to which Payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our heirs Executors and Administrators in the whole and for the whole jointly and severally firmly by these Presents sealed with our Seals and dated this third day of May in the twentieth year of his said Lordships Dominion and so forth Anno Domini 1770.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Porter Junior and William Porter Administrators of all and singular the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of John Hirk-



-patrick late of Cecil County deceased, with a Copy of the said Deceased's will annexed do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits which were of the deceased at the time of his Death according to Law appraised in Money together with a list of the Debts Sperate and Desperate and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Office for Probate of Wills &c. at or before the third day of August next and the same Goods Chattels and Credits do well and truly Administer to wit. to pay the Debts of the said deceased which he did owe at the time of his decease as also all such reasonable Charges and fees as have arisen or shall arise or become due to any his Lordships Officers and others from the said Robert and William Porter on the account of the said deceased or his Estate so far forth as the said Goods and Chattels and Credits will extend and the Law will charge and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of and upon their said Administration within twelve Months from the day of their admittance to such Administration and such Parcel or Portion of the said Estate as shall be found remaining upon such account examined and Adjudged by the Judge appointed for the time being for Probate of Wills to distribute and dispose according to Law and the true intent and meaning of the last Will and Testament of the said Deceased and lastly do at all and every Time and Times hereafter clearly discharge and save harmless his said Lordships his Judges and all other his Officers and Ministers from all Persons having or pretending to have any Right Title or Interest to the said Goods and Chattels that then this obligation to be void and of no Effect or else to stand and remain and be in full force Power and virtue in Law.

Robert Porter. (L.)
William Porter. (L.)
James Porter. (L.)
Sam^l Gillispie (L.)

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of us

It was therefore so far proceeded in our said Court that the said Lord Proprietary ought to recover his Damages against the said William Porter by means of the Premisses aft but because it is unknown unto our said Judges what Damages the said Lord Proprietary have sustained Therefore We Command you that by the oath of twelve honest and lawful Men of your Bailiwick diligently to enquire what Damages the said Lord Proprietary have sustained as well on the Account aft as for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the Inquisition which you shall thereof make you have before the Judges of our General Court the second Tuesday in April next under your Seal and the Seals of those by whose oath you make the same Inquisition and have you then and there this Writ Witness The Honourable William Paca Esq^re chief Judge of our said Court this 21^st day of September 1778.

James Earle Clk.

Issued the 10^th day of December 1778.

See the remainder of this Judgment in Page 136.