Day of October Anno Domini 1706

Issued this 6th day of March 1707. James Earle Clk.

The Execution of the above Writ appears by the following Proceedings.

The Answer of John Scott James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves John Woodland, John Page, Donaldson Yeates, John Thomas James Henry and Jeremiah Nicols Esqrs. Justices of the Peace for Kent County and George Hanson Sheriff of the same County.

We John Scott, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves, John Woodland John Page Donaldson Yeates, John Thomas, James Henry, and Jeremiah Nicols Justices afsd and George Hanson high Sheriff To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland Certify That Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the monday before the third Tuesday of October Seventeen hundred and eighty five that he should take Rasin Gale of Kent County Planter if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of our next County Court on the monday before the third Tuesday of March next to answer unto Thomas Bowers of a plea that he render unto him the sum of four hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth At which said monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty six came the afsd Thomas Bowers by Peregrine Letherbury his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ aforesaid here thereon Indorsed as follows, to wit

Execd Geo. Hanson Shff. Thereupon Marmaduke Medford of the same County here in his proper person here into Court did come and became Pledge and Security for the same Rasin Gale that if it should happen to the said Rasin Gale to be convict in the Plea afsd that then the same Security granted as well the Debt afsd as all the Damages costs and charges which to the same Thomas in the Plea afsd should be adjudged of the Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of the same Marmaduke Medford to be made and for the use of the same Thomas to be levied if it should so happen that the said Rasin Gale the Debt and Damages costs and charges of the same Thomas in the Plea afsd

should not pay or himself into the custody of the Sheriff of Kent County on that occasion render. And now here, to wit, the afsd Thomas by his Attorney aforesaid offered himself against the same Rasin Gale in the Plea afsd and complained thereof against him in the following words to wit;

Rasin Gale late of Kent County Planter was summoned to answer unto Thomas Bowers of a plea that he render unto him the sum of four hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth

And Whereupon the said Thomas by Peregrine Letherburyhis Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Rasin in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four at Kent County afresaid by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Thomas in the afsd sum of four hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money to be paid to the said Thomas when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the afsd Rasin (altho' often thereunto required) the afsd sum of four hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money to the said Thomas hath not rendered or paid but the same to them hitherto unrendered or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of one hundred pounds current money, afsd and therefore he brings suit and so forth; and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory afsd sealed with the seal of the afsd Rasin which the Debt aforesaid in form afsd Witnesseth the date whereof is the Day and year afsd and so forth — Per. Letherbury for Plff Pledges &c. John Doe & Richd Roe

Copy of the Bond and Condition thereof followeth.

State of Maryland Kent County. Know all men by these presents that we William Gale and Rasin Gale Jr. both of said County in the full and just sum of four hundred and forty six pounds to be paid unto the said Thomas Bowers his Heirs Exors Admors or assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we do bind ourselves our Heirs Exors and Admors jointly and severally by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this seventh day of January seventeen hundred and eighty four: The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden William Gale his Heirs Exors or Admors do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the afsd Thomas Bowers his Certain Attorney, heirs Exors Admors or Assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and twenty three pounds Specie at or upon the first day of January ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest from that day then this Obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in Law. —

and the afsd Rasin Gale by Thomas Bedingfield Hands his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and Prayed Liberty of Imparling thereunto.