DD The Lord Proprietary } Maryland ss Benjamin Cox of Cecil County Planter Otherwise called
vs } Benjamin Cox of Cecil County in the Province aforesaid was Summoned to
Benjamin Cox ... } Answer unto the Lord Proprietary of a plea that he render unto his Lordship
the full Sum and Just Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound
Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which from the said Lord Propry to unjustly detains

And Whereupon Daniel Dulany his Lordships Attorney General of the Province aforesaid sueth
for the said Lord Propry in this behalf prosecuteth Saith that whereas the said Benjamin the fourteenth
day of November in the Seventh year of his Lordships dominion Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred & twenty
two at Cecil County by his Certain writing Obligatory Granted himself to be held and firmly bound
unto the said Lord Propry in the aforesaid two hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound Merchantable
Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid to the said Lord Propry when he should be afterwards thereunto
requested Nevertheless the said Benjamin the said two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco or any
part thereof to the said Lord Propry hath not yet rendered or paid but the same to him to render
or pay altho often thereunto requested hath hitherto refused and Gainsaid and still do refuse &
Gainsay to the Damage of the said Lord Propry five hundred pounds Sterl. and thereof the said
Lord Propry the said Attorney General is ready to verify and the said Attorney General brings
here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid which testifies the Debt aforesaid in form and
whose date is the day and year aforesaid.

And the said Benjamin Cox by Joshua George his Attorney Comes and Defends the force and
Injury when &c and prays Leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the
said day is Given to the said Daniel Dulany Esq. Attorney General who for his Lordship in
this behalf prosecuteth Also.

At which said next Court to wit the 19th day of May Anno Dom. 1724 Comes again as well the
said Dan. Dulany Esq. Attorney General who &c as the said Benjamin Cox by his Attorney aft.
and the said Benjamin Cox by his said Attorney prays further Leave to Imparle thereunto
until next Court and he hath it and the same day is Given to the said Dan. Dulany Esq.
Attorney General who &c Also.

At which said next Court to wit the twentieth day of October Anno Dom. 1724 Comes again as
well the said Dan. Dulany Esq. Attorney General who &c as the said Benjamin Cox by his
Attorney aft. and the said Benjamin Cox by his said Attorney as before Defends the force & Injury
when &c and prays a hearing of the writing Obligatory aft. and it is read unto him He also
prays a hearing of the Condition of the same writing and it is read to him in these words
following viz. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden
John Hack do well and truly Serve his said Lordship his heirs and Successors in the office of
high Sheriff of the County of Cecil within the province aft. and in all things well and faithfully

(Execute)

Execute the Same office and also shall render unto the said Lord Propry and other his Officers
a true faithfull 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 and may be Entrusted with by his
said Lordships Governour 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 Governour here for the time
being for the fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to his said Lordship Governour as also
his Account of all fees dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco due to any the good People within this
Province for any Sum or Sums of money or Tobacco wherewith the said Sheriff Shall be Entrusted
during the time of his Sheriwalty 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 Cecil Shall behave himself well and honestly to all persons According to the
best of his Power Skill and Knowledge then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect or Else to
Stand in full force strength and virtue. Which being read and heard the said John Hack saith
that the Attorney General for the said Lord proprietary the Action aforesaid against him to have or
Maintain Ought not because he saith that he the said John Hack hath always from the time
of making the writing aforesaid and during his continuance in the office aforesaid well and truly
served his said Lordship in the office of high Sheriff of the County of Cecil and did in all things
well and truly Execute the Same office and also did render to his said Lordship and other his Officers
a true faithfull and perfect Account of all and Singular his Lordships rights and dues and to his
Officers a just and true Account of their fees that he the said John Hack was Intrusted with by
his said Lordships Governour and other his Officers within this Province to receive and Collect and
his Account to his said Lordship and his Governour for the fines and forfeitures and other dues
belonging to his said Lordships Governour as also his Account for all fees dues and Sums of money
and Tobacco due to any the good People within this province for any Sum or Sums of money or Tobacco
wherewith the said John Hack was during the time of his Sheriwalty for that present year
or to Such of them as required the Same did pass and render by the tenth day of May next Ensuing
the date of the writing aforesaid and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Cecil did
behave himself well and honestly towards all persons According to the best of his Skill power and
Knowledge to wit at Cecil County aforesaid and this he is ready to verify whereof he prays Judge-
ment of the said Attorney General his Action aft. against him to have Ought &c

And the said Attorney General saith that by anything specified the said Lord proprietary
from having and maintaining the Action aft. Ought not to be precluded because protesting
that the said John Hack hath not well and faithfully Executed the office of Sheriff of Cecil
County during his Continuance therein nor performed all or any the Articles Clauses and

(Covenants)