Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cash which to us he oweth and unjustly detaineth &c. Wherefore fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Benjamin Young Esq. Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 27th day of May in the 25th Year of our Dominion &c. Anno Dom 1749.

He prays also a hearing of the Writing Obligatory afsd and it is read unto him he prays also a hearing of the Condition of the same Writing and it is read unto him in these Words to wit

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bounden William Thornton do well and truly serve his Lordship the Lord Propry. his Heirs and Successors in the Office of high Sheriff of the County of Annarundel within the Province afsd and in all things well and faithfully Executte the same Office and also shall render unto his said Lordship 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 or may be entrusted with by his said Lordships Governor and other his Officers within this Province to receive and collect and his Acct. to his said Lordship his Heirs and Successors and to his and their Governor here for the time being for the Fines and Forfeitures and other dues belonging to his said Lordships Governor as also his Account of all Fees Dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco due to any of 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 Shrievalty 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 Annarundel 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 Ross by his said Attorney saving to himself all manner of Advantage as well to the Writ as to the Declaration afsd prays Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. also

At which said next Court to wit the 16th day of April Anno Dom. 1750. Comes again as well the said Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. as the afsd John Ross by his Attorney afsd and the said John Ross by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the said Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. also

At which said next Court to wit the 4th Day of Sept. Anno Dom 1750. Comes again as well the said Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. as the afsd John Ross by his Attorney afsd and the said John Ross by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. also

At which said next Court to wit the 9th day of April Anno Dom 1751. Comes again as well the said Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. as the afsd John Ross by his Attorney afsd and the said John Ross by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. also

At which said next Court to wit the 16th day of September Anno Dom 1751. Comes again as well the afsd Henry Darnall Esq. Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. who &c. as the afsd John Ross by his Attorney afsd and the said John Ross by his said Attorney as before defends the Force and Injury when &c. and saith that the said Lord Propry. his Action afsd against him the said John to have or maintain ought not Because he saith that the afsd William Thornton in the Condition afsd above mentioned did from and after the making the Writing Obligatory afsd well and truly serve his Lordship the Lord Propry

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of the Province afsd in the Office of high Sheriff of the County of Annarundel within the Province afsd and that he the said William did in all things well and faithfully Executte the same Office and did also render unto his said Lordship and other his Officers a true faithfull and perfect Account of their Fees that he was Entrusted with by his said Lordships Governor and other his Officers within this Province to receive and collect and that he the said William his Accounts to his said Lordship and to his Governor here for the time being for the Fines and Forfeitures and other dues belonging to his said Lordships Governor as also an Account of all Fees dues and Sums of Money and Tobacco due to any of the good People within the said Province of Maryland for any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco wherewith the said William as Sheriff was Entrusted during the time of his Shrievalty for that present or to such of them as required the same did render by the Tenth Day of May then next ensuing the date of the said Writing Obligatory and that the said William in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Annarundel did behave himself well and honestly to all Persons according to the best of his Power Skill and Knowledge to wit at the County afsd and this he is ready to Verify &c. wherefore he prays Judgment if the afsd Lord Propriator his Action afsd against him the said John to have or maintain ought &c.

And the afsd Attorney General of the said Lord Propry. saith that he by any thing Pralledged from maintaining the Action afsd against the said John Ross he ought not to be Barred Because Protesting that the said William Thornton hath not Observed Performed fulfilled or kept any of the Articles Clauses or things in the Condition afsd Specified for Plea or Replication the same Attorney General for the afsd Lord Propry. Nevertheless saith that the said William Thornton was and continued High Sheriff of the said Annd. County from the nineteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and forty seven until the nineteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred forty eight to wit at Annarundel County afsd and that by a certain Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun and holl at the Port of Annapolis in Annd. County afsd on the Fifteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and one two Intitled An Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province according to the Church of England and for the Maintenance of Ministers It was amongst other things Enacted that the Church Wardens and Vestry of the respective Parishes in this Province should satisfy and pay the Parochial Charges and all Necessary Repairs and Amendments of their respective Churches Chappels or Church Yards and cause the same at all times to be repaired and Amended as need should require out of such Gifts Goods and Chattels as should come to their hands for the Church or Parish Use and towards the Payment of which Parochial Charges all the Fines Forfeitures & Mulcts by this Law Incurred should be levied by the Church Wardens in each respective Parish and by them accordingly Applyed and in Case they should not have sufficient Effects to pay Parochial Charges as afsd or to make such Necessary repairs as were required then and not therwise it should be Lawfull for the Justices of the County Courts upon Application of such Parish Vestry and Church Wardens to Assess the respective Parishes by a certain Sum of Tobacco not exceeding Ten Pounds of Tobacco by the Poll in any one Year such Assessment made by such County Court and a Certificate thereof under the County Seal should be sufficient to the Sheriff of such County to Levy such Tax by the Poll on the Taxables of such Parishes in the same manner as other Publick dues were Levyed and should not deduct above five Per Hundred for his Salary and pay the same to such Vestry for the Use afsd As by the said Act now in full force and Vigour reed at large appears By Virtue whereof the Justices of the said Annarundel County Court held in and for the said County on the Tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred forty and seven on the Application of the said Westminster Parish in the afsd County and the Vestry and Church Wardens thereof they the said Church Wardens and Vestry not having sufficient Effects to pay Parochial Charges as afsd or to make Necessary repairs did Assess the said Westminster Parish by the Quantity of five Pounds of Tobacco per Poll for the Number of Six hundred and twenty and Taxables which in the whole amounted to the Quantity of three

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