## 114 Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1696/7-98.

Lib. H. D. All the foregoing papers touching Mr Sharp Referr'd to the Kings Lawyers for their Opinion to be given whether the Writ of Error ought to be deemed legall

Ordered that all the foregoing Papers Vizt the Peticon of W<sup>m</sup> Sharp the Writ of Error and the Oaths Endorsed together with the Minuite of the Councill the Ordr of Reference and Lawyers Report thereon be all Referr'd to the Kings Lawyers for them to make Report upon the whole matter whether the sd Writ of Error ought to be adjudged deemed and taken for legall and Authentick or not.

Upon Motion of Mr Sollicitr Genll the Case concerning Mr Sharp's Writ of Error Order'd to be Argued before the Govr & Councill as a Court &ca

Mr Sollicitor Gen<sup>II</sup> moves in behalf of his Maty that he has some Reasons to Offer, why the Writt of Error and Supersedeas obtain'd by Wm Sharpe upon the Judgmt aforesd given against him at the Suit of his Maty for 1000 Sterl. ought to be null & void praying that he may have Some Small time to doe it which is granted accordingly and Ordered thereupon that the Lawyrs prepare themselves against Night to attend his Exncy and Councill who then Intend to Sit as a Court to hear all matters in that Court now lying before them.

Ordered that the Sherriff be here with the sd Sharp, this

Night to hear the sd Reasons Argued.

## To his Exncy the Gov & Councill &ca

Vpon Consideracon of this matter, and the Kings Lawyers Report vpon whole State of the Case I humbly Conceive that Mr Sharps if Mr Sharp had Petition'd yor Exncy that he was taken in Execution for a Judgmt obtain'd agt him upon which he had Sued forth a Writt of Error and given Security thereon, but before the Same could issue he was taken in Execution and yet his security and Self lay Engaged and the Writt of Error Sued forth therefore had humbly besought yor Exncy Either to hear and Determine the matter of Error he had to Assign immediately in favour of liberty or else to take such further security of him to be Answerable to Justice in Case the matter in Law should be adjudged against him thereon, yor Exncy might with advice of the Councill have granted Either Prayer but as to the Writt of Error I cannot say it is legall though it may be legally Granted because I have seen it and Conceive it Imperfect in fform and therefore I take it to be abateable. I am Yor Obedient Servant W<sup>m</sup> Dent

The Writ of Error being defective in form no advantage George Plater. can be taken therein.