

L. H. J. James Martin's, of Worcester, dated December 14, 1741; Decem-
 Liber No. 47 ber 12, 1743. (These have been since paid.)
 May 23

I take the Liberty further to inform your Excellency, that at the same Court, by Order of your Excellency, upon the Address of the Lower House of Assembly, Robert Ungle's Treasurer's Bond was put in Suit, which bore Date July 3, 1714; And in April Term, 1748, by Order of your Excellency and Council, Philip Lee's Naval Officer's Bond, dated August 7, 1733, was also sued; but how properly that may be called a Naval Officer's Bond, which seems to be taken as a private Bond, payable to you, and for your own private Security, it being conditioned to save you harmless, and keep you indemnified from any Damages which you might sustain, by reason of any Slip or ill Conduct of the said Lee, in the Execution of his Office; and this is the only Bond I can find, that he ever passed in that Office; and as your Excellency has sustained no Damage, I believe it will be impossible for any other Person, or the Public, to recover any Thing on that Bond. However, that Suit is now abated by the Death of both his Executors; and if I am ordered to sue again for that Money, I must proceed differently.

Thus, Sir, in Obedience to the Orders I have received from your Excellency since your Arrival, and in Observance of those I had received of Mr. Bladen, when Governor, the several Bonds directed to be put in Suit have been sued, and to these Suits the Parties have severally appeared, and the Sheriffs have all pleaded a Performance
 p. 54 of the Conditions of their several Bonds. I have replied, and assigned the Breaches; to wit, That they had severally collected Money due to the Public for Ordinary Licenses, or public Assessments (as the Case happened); which Moneys they had not paid into the Commissioners or Trustees of the Paper Currency Office, as by Law they ought to have done. To which Replication they have rejoined, and say, That they have paid unto the Commissioners or Trustees, the said Moneys by them received; and upon these Pleadings the Issues are made up, and the single material Point issuing from the whole is, Whether they had paid that Money to the Commissioners, or no? Upon which Issue we have had two Tryals on one of Edward Tripp's Bonds; the first being set aside, by reason that the Foreman of that Jury was not a qualified Juror; but both Verdicts were in Favour of the Sheriff, it appearing on the Tryals that the Payment was made to William Ghiselin, late Clerk of the Paper Currency Office, during the Time of his Clerkship; and in Support of which Payment, the said Sheriff shew'd a Receipt of the Money we had charged him with, in the Hand-writing of the said Ghiselin, signed by the said Ghiselin, and mentioned in the Body of the Receipt to be taken by Order of the Commissioners, or subscribed, William Ghiselin, Clerk of the Paper Office. And tho' this was proved to be taken without the Knowledge or Consent of the Commissioners, and