County in the Province of Maryland Gent otherwise Called John Rogers of Charles County in the Province afd Gent: were Summonsed to Answer unto Thomas Bordley Esqr his Ldships Attorney Genth who for the Lord the King that now is in this behalf prosecuteth of a plea that they render unto the said Lord the King two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cask which from the said Lord the King they unjustly detain etc.

And Whereupon the same Thomas Bordley his L<sup>d</sup>ships Attorney Gen<sup>24</sup> who for the said Lord the King that now is Prosecuteth Sayth, That whereas the aforesaid John Rogers in his Life time the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and twelve at Annarundell County by his certain Writeing Obligatory did Acknowledge himself to be holden and firmly bound unto her late Majestie Queen Ann of Great Brittain etc: in the afa two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco to be paid unto the said Queen her heirs and Successors when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the said John Rogers in his life time or the afsa Elizabeth after the Death of the said John Rogers while she was Sole or the afd Daniel Junifer and Elizabeth after the marriage between them Celebrated altho often required the afd two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco to the said Lady the Queen or to the now Lord the King have not rendred but the same to the said lady the Queen or to the now Lord the King hitherto to render have refused and the afa Daniel Junifer and Elizabeth the same to the said Lord the King to render still do refuse and unjustly detaine to the Damage of the said Lord the King four hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco and this the said Thomas Bordley for our said Lord the King is ready to verifye etc: and he brings hereinto Court the writeing Obligatory afa which testifies the Debt afa in form afa whose date is the Day and year abovesaid.

And the Daniel and Elizabeth Ex<sup>rx</sup> as af<sup>a</sup> by Daniel Dulany their Attorney Come and Defend the force and Injury when etc: and pray [554] a hearing of the writing Obligatory af<sup>a</sup> which is read unto them they also pray a hearing of the Condition of the same writing Obligatory and it is read unto them in these words following Viz<sup>t</sup>: The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Dent do well and truely serve her said Majestie her heirs and Successors in the Office of high Sherriff of the County of Charles within the Province af<sup>a</sup> and also shall render unto her said Majestie and other her Officers a true faithfull and perfect account of all and Singular her said Majesty's Rights and Dues and to her Officers a true and Just Account of their fees that he shall or may be intrusted with by her Majesty's Governour and other her Officers within this Province to receive and Collect and his Account to her said Majesty her heirs and Successors and to her and their Governour there for the time being for the fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to Her said Majesty's as also his