

Daniel and Elizabeth Ex<sup>rx</sup> as af<sup>d</sup> by their Attorney af<sup>d</sup> And the said Daniel and Elizabeth by their Attorney af<sup>d</sup> say That the said Attorney Generall the Action afs<sup>d</sup> against them to have or [556] Maintain Ought not because they say that the said Thomas Dent Continued in the Execution of the Office of Sherriff of Charles County from the day of the Date of the writing afs<sup>d</sup> untill the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August Anno Domi 1712 and no longer (to witt at Charles County af<sup>d</sup> and that all the time af<sup>d</sup> he the said Thomas did well and truely serve her late Majesty Queen Ann in the Office of high Sheriff of Charles County af<sup>d</sup> and did render unto the said late Lady the Queen, 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 he was intrusted with by the said late Lady the Queen's Governour and other her Officers within this Province to receive and Collect and his Accounts to the said late Lady the Queen And her Governour for the time being for all the fines forfeitures and other dues belonging to the said late Lady the Queen and her Governour And also his Account of all fees dues and other sums of money or Tobacco for Levys or Fees due to any Officer or Other the good People of this Province that did require the same did pass an Account of before the tenth day of April in the Condition of the Writing af<sup>d</sup> mentioned (to witt) at Charles County af<sup>d</sup> and in all other things as Sheriff of Charles County af<sup>d</sup> did behave himself well and honestly towards all Persons according to the best of his power skill and knowledge And the said Daniel and Elizabeth Ex<sup>rx</sup> as af<sup>d</sup> further say that the said Thomas Dent hath well and truely Observed preformed fullfilled and Kept all and Singular the Articles Conditions Clauses and things in the Condition of the said Writing Specified on his part to be Observed and Kept And this they are ready to verifie and therefore they pray Judgm<sup>t</sup> if the said Thomas Bordley Esq<sup>r</sup> the said Action against them to have or maintain Ought etc.

And the said Attorney Generall of the said Lord Proprietor for the said Lord the King saith that by any thing prealleged from maintaining the Action af<sup>d</sup> he Ought not to be barred because protesting that the said Thomas Dent hath not Observed performed fullfilled or kept any the Articles Conditions Clauses or things in the Conditions af<sup>d</sup> Specified for plea he saith that the said Thomas Dent Continued Sheriff of Charles County after the thirteenth Day of August Anno Domi Seventeen hundred and twelve in the Plea af<sup>d</sup> [557] mentioned to Witt untill the twenty sixth day of June anno Domi Seventeen hundred and fourteen at Charles County af<sup>d</sup> And the s<sup>d</sup> Attorney Generall further saith that on the thirteenth Day of Aug<sup>st</sup> Anno Domi Seventeen hundred and twelve af<sup>d</sup> and Long before a Certain Philemon Lloyd of Queen Anns County Esq<sup>r</sup> was and ever after untill the tenth Day of July Anno Domi Seventeen hundred and fourteen hath Continued One of her late Majesty's Officers Viz: Deputy Secretary of State within this Province to Witt at Charles County And the said Attorney General further sayth that the