

Maryland. It now all Men by these Presents that We George Stuart  
 of the City of Annapolis Esquire James Tilghman of Queen Anne's County Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 and Mr Henry Rowen of Prince Georges County are held and firmly bound  
 unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province of Maryland  
 in the full and just Sum of One Thousand pounds Current Money of Maryland  
 to be paid to the said Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and his  
 Successors to the which payment well and truly to be made and done. We  
 and every of us hereby Bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our  
 Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these  
 Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of May Anno Domini  
 1755.

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that if the above  
 Bounden George Stuart whilst he shall continue in the office of Deputy Secretary  
 of Maryland shall at his own proper Cost and Charge find a Supply of  
 good and sufficient Record Books necessary for the entering up of all Matters  
 and Things relating to the Chancery <sup>office</sup> and shall or will make or cause to be  
 made and entered true legal and perfect Records and Entries according  
 to the Truth and the Nature of the Matter or Thing requiring to be taken  
 and Recorded and shall duly and carefully look after sustain preserve  
 Repair and Maintain all the several Books Papers and Records now  
 being and Remaining in the said office as also all those that from  
 time to time during his Continuance in the said office shall be added  
 therunto in such Manner that in Case of Death or that he shall be legally  
~~discontinued~~ officiating longer in the said office he the said George  
 Stuart his Executors or Administrators shall Surrender or deliver up  
 or Cause to be Surrendered or Delivered up to the next person who shall  
 Succeed him in the said Secretarys office all the Papers and Record Books  
 which shall be by him added in like good order and repair with  
 the Records and Entries faithfully legally and truly made up and  
 entered during the time he hath officiated in the said Secretarys  
 office without favour or affection but according to the Truth the Nature  
 of the Thing and the duty of his Function and all other the Duties  
 of his said office legally duly and faithfully shall discharge according  
 to Law and the True Intent and meaning of the Act of Assembly in  
 such Case made and Provided that then the above Obligation to be  
 Void and of none Effect or Use to be and remain in full Force and  
 Virtue in Law -

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
 in the presence of  
 William Stuart  
 Ja. Rowen

Geo. Stuart  
 James Tilghman  
 Hen. Rowen