

152) That we James Dickson of Frederick County, Samuel  
Hunter, Clerk, Richard Richardson, John Gray and John  
Member of the same County Gentleman are well & firmly  
bound unto the Right Honourable, Frederick absolute  
Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland, and Avalon  
Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. in the sum of two thousand  
Pounds Sterling to be paid to the said Lord Proprietary  
his Heirs and Successors to which payment well and  
Truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and  
each of us our and every of our Heirs Executors, and  
Administrators, jointly and severally for and in the whole  
firmly by these Presents sealed with our Seals, and  
Dated this Seventh Day of April 1757

Whereas his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor of Maryland  
by his Instructions under the hand and Seal of the Lord  
Proprietary bearing date the thirtieth Day of March is authorized  
and empowered, if he should think it for his Lordships Service  
to farm or otherwise contract for the collection and Receipt  
of his Lordships quit Rents, and the said Horatio Sharpe  
thinking it for his Lordships Service to farm the Rents of  
all the lands lying <sup>upon, and</sup> to the Eastward of the South Mountain  
in Frederick County and also to empower the said James  
Dickson to collect and receive the Rents of all the Lands  
lying to the Westward of the said Mountain in the County  
aforesaid hath entered into Articles of Agreement bearing  
equal date with these Presents with the above named  
James Dickson for that Purpose (Now the Condition of the  
above Obligation is such that if the said James Dickson  
shall from time to time and at all times hereafter well &  
truly observe perform fulfil make and keep all & singular  
the Articles Covenants agreements and payments in the  
said aforesaid Articles on his part to be observed, performed  
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