

Somerset during the Confinement of the said John Videl under the Custody of the said Hugh Porter as under
 Stat. of that County for the ease and favour of the said John Videl and for noe other Cause whatsoever Contrary
 to the form of the Statute in the twenty third Year of Our Late Sovereign Lord Henry the Sixth in such Case
 provided and this he is Ready to verify wherefore he prayeth Judgment if the said John Tunstall assignee of
 the said Hugh Porter his action and against him to have or maintain ought &c. and the said Patrick Conely by
 the Licence of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided and further
 saith that the said John Tunstall assignee of the said Hugh Porter his action and against him to have or main-
 tain ought not because he saith that at a session of asembly begun and hold at the City of Annapolis for the
 province of Maryland and on the twenty sixth day of April in the first Year of Our Late Lord George
 the first by the grace of God of Great Britain King &c. and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven-
 hundred and fifteen by the authority of the same assembly it was Enacted that noe Sheriff or Subsheriff
 within this province after the publication of the said act in their severall and respective Counties wherein
 they dwell should take any Bond Bide or any other writing Obligatory of any person or persons upon
 any pretence whatsoever without Endorsing the amount on the back of the said Bond Bide or writing obliga-
 :tory for which the same should be paid and that if any Sheriff or Subsheriff within this province should
 during the time that he remains in this place or Office upon any pretence whatsoever take any bond bide or writ-
 :ing Obligatory without Endorsing the amount on the back side of the said Bond Bide or writing Obligatory
 as and by which it may appear upon what Consideration the same was taken the said Bond Bide or
 writing Obligatory should be void and of noe effect and the Officer or Officers that should take the same should
 loose his Debt and forever be Barred of suing any other action for the recovery of the same any Law Statute
 or Custome to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding as by the same act now in full force and unrepealed
 manifestly may appear and the said Patrick Conely further saith that at the time of the making of the writing
 Obligatory and to witt on the ²⁰ day of March in the Year of Our Lord Seventeen hundred and twenty nine the
 said Hugh Porter in the writing Obligatory and mentioned was and for along time afterwards continued under Sheriff
 of the County of Somerset and to witt, at the County according to the Usage and Custome of this province by
 John Curwale Esq^r. then being high Sheriff of that County in due form of Law admitted and Sworn appointed
 and in due form of Law Qualified and that the writing Obligatory and was during the Continuance of the said
 Hugh Porter in his Office and accepted by him at the County and by Colour of his Office aforesaid and the
 said Patrick Conely further saith that the said Hugh Porter at the time of the making of the same Writing-
 or at any time since hath not Endorsed the am^t on the back of the said Writing Obligatory by which it
 may appear upon what Consideration the same was taken according to the direction of the act and
 and this he is Ready to verify wherefore he prayeth Judgment if the said John Tunstall assignee of
 the said Hugh Porter his action and against him to have or maintain ought &c.

And the said John Dray the Justice here that the writing of assignment in the Declaration and
 mentioned may be Enrolled which is granted him and is Enrolled in these words I do hereby assigne
 all my right title and Interest of the within Obligation to Cap^t John Tunstall to him and his heirs &c.