

[M:H:] The Lord Proprietarie v [PK : WB] John Stokes

MARYLAND ss^t John Stokes of Baltemore County Gen^t A^ts: Dict: John Stokes of Baltemore County in the Province afs^d was Summoned to Answer Unto his Lordship the Lord Propry of a Plea that he render unto him the just Quantity of two Hund^d thousand Pounds of good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask which to him he Oweth and Unjustly Detaineth etc:

And Whereupon Mich^{ts} Howard Esq^r his Lordships Attorney General of the Province afores^d Who for the said Lord Propry in this behalf Prosecuteth Saith that Whereas the said John Stokes the Eighth Day of June Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Twenty One at Baltemore County aforesaid by his Certain Writing Obligatory Acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the afs^d Lord Propry in the afores^d Sum of Two Hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to be Paid to the said Lord Propry When thereto he should be Required Nevertheless the Afores^d John Stokes Altho often required the afs^d two Hundred thousand pounds of Good Sound merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cask to the same Lord Propry hath not yet rendered But the same to him hitherto to render hath Denied and Gainsayed and Still Doth Deny and Gainsay Wherefore he says He is the worse And hath Loss to the Value of One Hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco And this for the said Lord Propry the Said Attorney Gen^{ts} is readie to Verifie And the said Attorney General brings hereinto Court the Writing aforesaid Which Testifies the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Whose Date is the Day and Year Above said etc:

M Howard

[829] And the said John Stokes by Will^m Beckingham his attorney Comes and Defends the force and Injury when etc: And Prays a hearing of the Writing Afores^d and it is read Unto him he Also Prays a hearing of the Condition of of [sic] the same Writing And it is read unto him in These words following Viz^t:

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that if the Above bound Francis Holland do well and truly Serve his Lordship his Heirs and Successors in the office of High Sherriff of the County of Baltemore wthin the Province afs^d And in all things well and faithfully Execute the same Office And also shall render unto his Lordship and other his officers A true faithfull and Perfect Account of all and Singular his said Lordships Rights and Dues And to his officers a true and just Account of their fees that he shall or may be Intrusted With by his said Lordships Govern^r And other his officers within this Province To receive and Collect And his Account to his said Lordship his Heirs and Successors and to his and their Governour here for the time being for the fine and forfeitures and other Dues belonging to his said Lordship's Govern^r As also his Account of all fees Dues and Sums of Money or Tobacco Due to any the good People within this Province for any Sum or