

& Captain Richard Hill being Intendants of Ann
 Arundel County do say they are well acquainted with the
 said persons who have very well & honestly behaved them
 selves ever since they resided in this province that they
 are both settled in this County & have plantations & are
 wont to endeavour to make great crops of tobacco and that
 one of them viz William Cotten is married & has two
 Children

Whereupon it is advised that the said John Black-
 more & William Cotten do recognize to his Majesty with
 sufficient Security that they be forth coming whenever
 his Majestys pleasure is signified concerning them

Accordingly Major Hammond & Cap^t Hill two
 of his Majestys Judges of the provincial Court make
 Report that they have taken the following Recognizance
 of
 1698
 Town of Annapolis July the 22 1698
 Maryland

Be it remembered that the day & Year above
 mentioned came before us John Hammond Rich^d Hill
 & Thomas Tucker Gent. Justices of his Majestys Court
 Court John Blackmore & William Cotten together with
 Gabriel Parrot of Ann Arundel County & the said John
 Blackmore William Cotten & Gabriel Parrot their Security
 Acknowledged themselves each & every of them to stand &
 be indebted unto our Sovereign Lord William the third King
 of England Scotland France & Ireland in the sum of five
 hundred pounds Stere a piece that they the said John Black-
 more & William Cotten shall personally appear & be forth
 coming whenever his Majestys pleasure is known concerning
 them, in the mean time to be of good Behaviour as to carry
 acts of Pyacy in default whereof they are contented the