The State of Maryland to wit.

Know all Men by these Presents that We James Earle Henry Nicols of Queen Anns County and Peregrine Tilghman of Talbot County are held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the Sum of three thousand Pounds Current Money to be paid to the said State of Maryland to which Payment well and truly to be made We bind Ourselves and each of us our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally for the Whole and in the Whole firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this Ninth Day of June Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Seventy Eight.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden James Earle who hath shall continue in the Office of Clerk of the General Court of the Eastern Shore 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 such Clerks Office and shall and will make or cause to be made and entered, true, legal and perfect Records and Entries, according to the Truth and Nature of the Matter or Thing requiring to be entered or 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 thereunto in such Manner as that in case of Death or that he shall be legally dismissed from Officiating longer in the said Office, We the said James Earle his Executors and Administrators shall Surrender and deliver up, or cause to be surrendered and delivered up, to the next Person who shall succeed him in the said Clerks Office, all the Papers and Record Books now being in the said Clerks Office, in good order and Repair, as also all such other 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 Clerks Office without favour or Affection, but according to the Truth, the Nature of the thing, and the Duty of his Office, 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 Acts of Assembly in such Cases made and provided, that then the above Obligation to be void and of none Effect or else to be and remain in full force and Virtue in Law.

James Earle (Seal)
Henry Nicols (Seal)
Peregrine Tilghman (Seal)

Sealed and Delivered . . . . .
in the Presence of . . . . . .
John Bracco, Thomas Gordon Jr.
Jeremiah Manning . . . . .

9th of June 1778. Then appeared before us two of the Judges of the General Court John Bracco, Thomas Gordon and Jeremiah Manning Subscribing Witnesses to the within Bond and made Oath that they saw the within mentioned James Earle Henry Nicols and Peregrine Tilghman on the Day and Year within mentioned Sign Seal and Deliver the within Bond as their several Act and Deed for the Purposes therein mentioned. William Pacca. Nicholas Thomas.

Sir You are hereby Ordered to record immediately the within Bond and the Indorsement thereon in your Land Record Books William Pacca. Nicholas Thomas.
June 7th 1778. To the Clerk of the Eastern Shore.

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents That We William Hopper, Jeremiah Coleton, David Robinson and Henry Downes Junr. of Caroline County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr. Governor of the State of Maryland or his Successors in the full and just Sum of four thousand and Twenty Six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and five Pence Current Money to be paid to his said Excellency or his Successor To which Payment well and truly to be made and done We and each of us bind our selves our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators for and in the whole firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this Twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy eight The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound William Hopper shall well and faithfully execute and perform the several Duties required of him by the Act of Assembly entitled an Act to assess and impose an equal Tax on all Property within this State and shall well and truly pay to the Treasurer of his Shore the several Sums of Money which he shall receive and be answerable for in Virtue of the same Act at such Time as by the said Act is directed according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force.

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and Virtue. William Hopper (Seal) Jere. Colston (Seal) David Robinson (Seal) Henry Downes Junr. (Seal) Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of Charles Dickinson. Hugh McMurdo.

(Lefs 3/3)

Caroline County ss. On the twentieth day of March Seventeen hundred and Seventy eight the within named Charles Dickinson and Hugh McMurdo Esquires whose names are Subscribed to the within Bond as Witnesses thereto appeared in open Court and proved the Execution of the same Bond by the within named William Hopper, Jeremiah Colston, David Robinson, and Henry Downes Junr by their Signing, Sealing, and Delivering the same Bond. Test W. Richardson Clk Caro: Coty.

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that We Robertson Stevens Thomas Jones, Benjamin Keene, Henry Lake, and Edward Staplefort all of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the full and just Sum of Seven Thousand four Hundred and twenty six Pounds Current Money to be paid to the said State to which Payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally for and in the whole Sum aforesaid firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this first Day of April Seventeen hundred and Seventy eight.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Robertson Stevens shall well and faithfully execute and perform the several Duties required of him by the Act of Assembly entitled An Act to assess and Impose an Equal Tax on all Property within this State and shall well and truly pay to the Treasurer of his Shore the Several Sums of Money which he shall receive and be Answerable for in Virtue of the same Act at such time as by the said Act is directed according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue. R. Stevens (Seal) Thomas Jones (Seal) Benjamin Keene (Seal) Henry Lake (Seal) Edward Staplefort (Seal) Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of Samuel Hooper Mr. C. Harrison

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We hereby Certify that on the day and year within mentioned the within Bond was entered into before us the Subscribers and that we approve of the Securities therein and immediately thereupon Samuel Hooper and John Earle Harrison subscribing Witnesses thereto Made Oath before us that they saw Robertson Stevens, Thomas Jones, Benjamin Keene, Henry Lake, and Edward Stapleford Sign Seal and Deliver the same Bond. Robert Harrison, Thos. Hill Airey.

(Lefs 4/4)

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that We William Dawson Woolman Gilson the 3d and James Trippe all of Talbot County in the State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just Sum of Six thousand Pounds Current Money to be paid to the said State to which Payment well and truly to be made and done We bind our selves and every of us our and every of our heirs Executors and Administrators for the whole and in the whole jointly and severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this twelfth day of May Anno Domini 1778.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden William Dawson shall well and faithfully execute and perform the several Duties required of him by the Act of Assembly entitled An Act to assess and Impose an Equal Tax on all Property within this State and shall well and truly pay to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore of the State aforesaid the several Sums of Money which he shall receive and be Answerable for in Virtue of the same Act at such time as by the said Act is directed according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue.

William Dawson (Seal)
Woolgilson the 3. (Seal)
James Trippe (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Delivered . . . . . .
in the Presence of John Bracco, Edward Moodale

Talbot County ss. On the Seventh day of October Seventeen hundred and Seventy Eight John Bracco One of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Bond made Oath on the Holy Evangels before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court that he saw the within Bond Executed on the Day of the date thereof by the within named William Dawson, and Woolman Gilson the 3d and James Trippe his Justice by Signing Sealing, and delivery for the use thereon mentioned

Mic. Thomas.

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