Stephen Steward and Thomas Yates in the General Court for the Western Shore to be held at the city of Annapolis the second tuesday in may Instant. they acknowledge themselves contd therewith this day of May 1786.— Thomas Elliot

Acknowledged before } Geo: Gould: Phesbury

We Stephen Steward and Thomas Yates impower, authorise and appoint David McMechen Esquire to appear for us in the above action as Witness our hands and seals this 8th day of May 1786. Stephen Steward (Seal)

Witness, Edward Day -

T. Yates ------ (Seal)

And the aforesaid Stephen Steward Jr. and Thomas Yates by their attorney aforesaid comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and pray leave to imparle hereunto until next court and they have and the same day is given to the said Edward Tilghman, Plaintiff also.-- At which said next court to wit the 10th day of October Anno Domini 1786. come again as well the said Edward Tilghman Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid as the said Stephen Steward Jr. and Thomas Yates by their attorney aforesaid and the aforesaid Stephen Steward Jr. and Thomas Yates by their said attorney as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prayeth an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof and they have them as follow to wit.— Know all men by these presents that we Stephen Steward Junior and Thomas Yates of Baltimore County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Edward Tilghman Esquire of Queen Anns County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of five hundred ~~and~~ twenty five pounds current money to be paid to the said Edward Tilghman Esq. or to his certain attorney Executors administrators or Assigns - To which payment well and truly to be Made and done we bind our selves our heirs, Executors, administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this first day of October Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three — The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Stephen Steward junior do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Edward Tilghman Esq. his certain Attorney Executors, administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and sixty two pounds ten shillings in Spanish milled Dollars at seven shillings and six pence each or other silver or Gold at its passing value as now established by law on or before the 25th day of December next hence ensuing then the above obligation to be void and of none effect: else to be and remain of full force and virtue in Law — Stephen Steward Junr. (Seal)

sealed and delivered in Presence of } T. Yates ---- (Seal)

Philip Thomas Junr. ----- }

Which being read and heard the said Stephen Steward junr. and Thomas Yates say that the declaration in manner and form aforesaid and the matter and thing therein contained are not sufficient in Law for the said Tilghman to have a maintain his action aforesaid against them the said Steward and Yates to which they have none need

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not are they obliged by the law of the land to answer and this they are ready to verify wherefore for want of a sufficient declaration in this behalf the said Steward and Yates pray Judgment if the said Tilghman ought to have or maintain his action aforesaid against them &c.— And the said Tilghman saith that the declaration aforesaid of him the said Tilghman in manner and form aforesaid above alledged and the matter in the same contained are good and sufficient in Law to compel the said Steward and Yates to answer thereto and this the said Tilghman is ready to verify and prove as to the court and so forth - Wherefore for want of a sufficient answer in this behalf the aforesaid Tilghman pray Judgment and his damages by occasion of the premises aforesaid to him to be adjudged and so forth Whereupon this cause standing ready for trial for especial reasons to the court here shewn and by consent of the parties the same is continued until next Court. At which said next court to wit the eighth day of May anno Domini 1787. come again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their attonies aforesaid and the said Stephen Steward and Thomas Yates by their attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment above by them pretended say they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid Edward Tilghman so as aforesaid against them brought nor but that the writing Obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of them the said Stephen Steward and Thomas Yates, nor but that they owe to the aforesaid Edward Tilghman the aforesaid sum of five hundred and twenty five pounds current money in manner and form aforesaid so as the aforesaid Edward Tilghman above against them hath declared.-- Therefore it is considered by the judges here that the aforesaid Edward Tilghman recover against the said Stephen Steward and Thomas Yates as well the sum of five hundred and twenty five pounds current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as also the sum of seven hundred and ninety five pounds of tobacco by the court here unto the said Edward Tilghman on his absent adjudged as well for his damages sustained by reason of the detention of that debt as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the said defendant in mercy &c.— Memorandum, the plaintiff agrees to release the penalty on payment of Principal Interest, and costs of suit he also agrees to Stay Execution until the 1st of August next.-- Afterwards, to wit, on the second day of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven the aforesaid Stephen Steward and Thomas Yates produced the States writ of error commanding the judgment aforesaid to be transmitted to the high court of appeals, and the record thereof is hereby transmitted accordingly. Test. Thomas B. Hodgkin Cl.

In testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from the record of proceedings of the General Court for the western Shore of Maryland. I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of office this 2nd day of July Anno Domini 1787.

Exam.

Thomas B. Hodgkin Cl.