late of Montgomery County Gentlemen otherwise called Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junr of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland were summoned to answer unto Blair McClanachan of a plea that they render unto him the full and just sum or Quantity of one hundred and thirty nine thousand six hundred and fifty six pounds of Merchantable inspected crop tobacco which to him they owed and unjustly detained and so forth and whereupon the said Blair by David McMechen his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Bernard and William on the twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four at Montgomery County aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Blair in the aforesaid sum or quantity of merchantable inspected crop tobacco to be paid to the said Blair when afterwards they should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Bernard and William (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum or quantity of tobacco to him the said Blair have not rendered or paid but the same to him hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused and still do refuse wherefore he saith he is the wase and hath damage to the value of five thousand pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seals of the aforesaid Bernard and William which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth — David McMechen pro Plff. Pledges Ltr John Doe and Richd Roe A Copy of which aforegoing declaration was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid — At which said second tuesday of May to wit the 10th day of the same month anno Domini 1785 being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes the said Blair McClanachan by his Attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Montgomery County to whom the same writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the court here thus indorsed Vizt. - Cepi - Copy Delr. 10th January 1785 - Jno Hayman Nicholls Sher: — And the said Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junr being called upon appear and are adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid Whereupon the aforesaid Bernard and William file in Court here the following bail piece to wit - Blair McClanachan plaintiff against Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junr defendants — You Thomas Johns and James M. Lingan do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junr at suit of the said Blair McClanachan in an action of debt brought by the said Blair McClanachan against the said Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junr in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 11th day of May 1785 - before — Richard Thomson George Beall. To the worshipful Judges of the General Court — And the aforesaid Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junior by Thomas Stone their Attorney come and defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and of the condition thereof and they have them as follow to wit - Know all men by these presents that we Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junr. of Montgomery

County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Blair McClanachan of the city of Philadelphia merchant in the full and just sum or quantity of one hundred and thirty nine thousand six hundred and fifty six pounds of Merchantable inspected crop tobacco to be paid to the said Blair McClanachan his certain Attorney Executors administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind our selves our heirs Executors & administrators in and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty sixth day of March Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty four - the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Bernard Oneill & Wm Deakins Junr their heirs Executors administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Blair McClanachan his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns the just and full quantity of sixty nine thousand eight hundred and twenty eight pounds of Merchantable Inspected crop tobacco on or before the first day of November next then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law. — which being read and heard the said Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junior pray leave to imparle here unto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the 11th day of October Anno Domini 1785 come again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their attornies aforesaid and the said defendants by their attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle here unto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also - At which said next Court to wit the 9th day of May Anno Domini 1786 come again as well the said Blair McClanachan by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junior by their attorney aforesaid and the said Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junior by their said Attorney defend the force and injury when and so forth (as before) and say that the aforesaid Blair his Action aforesaid against them the said Bernard and William to have or maintain ought not because they say that the writ and declaration aforesaid of him the said Blair above alledged and the matter in the same contained are insufficient in law to compell the said Bernard and William to answer and that they to that writ and declaration in manner and form aforesaid alledged have no need nor by the law of the land are bound to answer and this they are ready to verify and so forth wherefore for want of a sufficient declaration in this behalf the aforesaid Bernard and William pray Judgment if the said Blair his action aforesaid against them to have ought and so forth And the said Blair McClanachan saith that the writ and declaration aforesaid of him the said Blair in manner and form aforesaid above alledged and the matter in the same contained are good and sufficient in law to compel the said Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junr to answer thereto and this the said Blair 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 Blair prays judgment and his damages by Occasion of the premises aforesaid to him to be adjudged and so forth. Nevertheless the aforesaid Bernard Oneill and William Deakins Junior by their Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the avowment above by them pretended say that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid Blair McClanachan so as aforesaid against them brought nor but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the deed of them

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