and William Goodwin their Heirs Executors or administrators or either of them do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said William Molleson his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of fourteen hundred and thirty four pounds nine Shillings and seven pence Sterling at or upon the first day of October in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy six in Bills of Exchange drawn on London at thirty days sight or in common money at the Current Exchange with legal Interest thereon from the 21st day of July last without any fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void and of none effect else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law

Sealed and delivered in the presence of James Jaffray, James Christie Junr. — Charles Ridgely (Seal), Alexr. McLure (Seal), Wm Goodwin (Seal)

It is agreed that on the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one the said sum mentioned in the condition of the said Bond with Interest thereon amounted to the Sum of Two thousand and thirty pounds and seven pence Sterling money and that on the said day and year last mentioned the said William Goodwin before Peter Shepherd Esquire one of the Justices of Baltimore County duly made the Oath following to wit.

Which oath the said William Goodwin lodged with Thomas Harwood Treasurer of the Western Shore of the State of Maryland on the said day and year last mentioned and on the same day and year paid unto the said Thomas Harwood Treasurer of the Western shore of Maryland the sum of twenty two pounds eleven Shillings in the new Bills of credit mentioned in an act entitled an Act for calling out of circulation the Quota of this State of the Bills of credit issued by congress and the Bills of credit emitted by Act of Assembly under the old Government and by the resolves of convention in discharge of nine hundred and one pounds eighteen Shillings current money or five hundred and forty one pounds one Shilling and one penny Sterling part of the money mentioned in the condition of the said Bond and the Interest thereon in arrears and unpaid which said new Bills were of the kind made payable at the rate of one for forty in discharge of the said Bond by the act aforesaid It is further agreed that the said William Goodwin lodged the aforesaid Sum of Money in the said new

Bills on account of the said debt due on the said Bond and on the same day and year took and received from the same Thomas Harwood Treasurer a receipt for the same in the words following to wit.

And it is agreed that the sum of Twenty pounds eleven Shillings is part of and included in the sum of money in the said receipt mentioned It is also agreed that the said William Molleson at the time of the execution of the said Bond to wit on the fourt day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy four was a British subject residing in Great Britain and has so continued ever since and that the said Molleson never did become a subject to this State or any of the United States of America nor had he an attorney in fact acknowledging himself as such for the purpose of receiving debts allways from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and Seventy six untill the passing of the act of Assembly aforesaid and constantly residing in the State from the said first day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy six untill the passing of the said Act That on the twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six a convention of Deligates of Maryland made the following resolution to wit Resolved unanimously that the Deputies of this colony attending in Congress or a majority of them or any three or more of them be authorised and empowered to concur with the other united Colonies or a majority of them in declaring the united colonies Free and Independent States That on the fourth day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy six the Congress made the following Declaration of the Independence of the States of New Hampshire &c &c which Declaration follows in these words to wit

A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the Earth the seperate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Natures God entitle them a decent respect to the opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the seperation We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life Liberty and the pursuit of happiness that to secure these rights Governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers