Hannah West Exx of Stephen West - ag.st Henry Stevenson -

Be it remembered that heretofore on the fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety one the State of Maryland's Writ of Capias ad respondendum issued to the Sheriff of Baltimore County in the words and figures following Viz.t -

State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Baltimore County, Greeting We command you that you take Henry Stevenson late of Baltimore County Gentleman if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and that him so taken you safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of Baltimore County Court at the Court house in the same County on the fourth Monday in August next to Answer unto Hannah West Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Stephen West deceased of a plea that he render unto her the sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings Current Money of Maryland which from her he unjustly detains and soforth hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ, Witness Benjamin Nicholson Gentleman Chief Justice of our said Court the second day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and Ninety one. -

Lth - Issued the 5.t day of July 1791 - Wm. Gibson Clk -

With which Writ a Copy of the following Nar and Bill was sent Viz.t -

State of Maryland, Baltimore County Henry Stevenson late of Baltimore County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto Hannah West Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Stephen West deceased of a plea that he render unto her the sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings Current Money of Maryland which from her he unjustly detains &c. - And Whereupon the same Hannah by Luther Martin her Attorney saith that Whereas the same Henry the twenty first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at Baltimore County aforesaid by his certain Bill Obligatory with the Seal of the same Henry Sealed and here into Court brought whose date is the same day and year had acknowledged himself to owe and be indebted to the same Stephen West in his life time in the sum of forty nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence Current Money of Maryland and did promise to pay unto the said Stephen West or Order the said sum of Money together with the legal Interest due thereon in twelve Months after the date of the said Bill Obligatory and for the payment thereof well and truly to be made the said Henry bound himself his heirs Executors and Administrators in the aforesaid sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings Current Money firmly by the same Bill and the same Hannah in fact saith that the said Henry the aforesaid sum of forty nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence to the said Stephen in his life time or to the said Hannah after the death of the said Stephen hath not paid or satisfyed by reason whereof Action hath accrued unto the said Hannah to have and exact from the same Henry the aforesaid sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings, Nevertheless the same Henry although often required the aforesaid sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings to

the same Hannah yet hath not paid but that to the said Hannah hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, To the damage of the said Hannah one hundred and fifty pounds and therefore she brings this suit &c.

Luther Martin pro Plff. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.

And the aforesaid Henry Stevenson by his Attorney prayeth an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and he hath it as follows Viz.t -

I Promise to pay unto Stephen West or Order twelve Months after date with Interest forty nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence Currency for value received to which payment I bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators in the Penal sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings Currency, Witness my hand and Seal this 21.st day of November seventeen hundred and eighty eight - Henry Stevenson - (Seal)

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of William Pownell -

At which said fourth Monday in August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety one cometh the said Hannah West by Luther Martin her Attorney, and now here also cometh the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the aforesaid Writ was directed to Wit Thomas Butler Gentleman who maketh return thereof to the Court now here thus endorsed - Copi - Copy left July 13.th 1791 -

And now here also cometh the said Henry Stevenson by David McMecken his Attorney and defends the force and injury when and soforth and prays leave to Imparle here until the fourth Monday in March next and he hath it, and the same day is given to the said Hannah West also and soforth. - At which said fourth Monday in March cometh again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Henry Stevenson by David McMecken his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c. - And prays an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and to him it is read in these words to Wit -

I Promise to pay to Stephen West or Order twelve Months after date with Interest forty nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence Currency for value received to which payment I bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators in the penal sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings Currency, Witness my hand and Seal this 21.st day of November seventeen hundred and eighty eight. -

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Which being read and heard the said Henry Stevenson says that the said Hannah West her Action thereupon against him to have a maintain ought not because according to the form of the Statute in such case lately made and provided the said Henry Stevenson says that he the said Henry Stevenson in the Obligation above mentioned before the issuing the Original Writ of her the said Hannah West in this Cause paid to the said Hannah West the said sum of Ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings Current Money in the aforesaid Writing -