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greeting: We command you that you take Johnsa Dorsey late of Baltimore County in the State of Maryland yeoman otherwise called Johnsa Dorsey Esqr the state of Maryland if he shall be found in your bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of our General court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of may next, to answer unto Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors of the last Will and testament of Abel Brown late of said County deceased of a plea that he render unto them the sum of five hundred pounds current money of Maryland which he unjustly detains from them &c. hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire chief Judge of our said court the twelfth day of December anno domini 1796.

Issued the 7th day of April 1797. (R. Smith) Jno. Gwinn Clk

And the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid Writ filed in court here the following declaration and oyer of bond a copy whereof was made and sent with the said Writ to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, towit.

The State of Maryland. Baltimore County, towit. Johnsa Dorsey late of Baltimore County in the State of Maryland yeoman otherwise called Johnsa Dorsey of the state of Maryland was summoned to answer Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors of the last Will and Testament of Abel Brown late of said County deceased of a plea that he render unto them the sum of five hundred pounds current money of Maryland which he unjustly detains from them &c. And whereupon the said Elias Brown and Moses Brown by Robert Smith their attorney complain that the said Johnsa on the seventeenth day of february in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid Abel in his life time in the said sum of five hundred pounds current money to be paid to the said Abel Brown his executors administrators or assigns when thereto afterwards he should be required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Johnsa altho often required the aforesaid sum of five hundred pounds or any part thereof to the said Abel in his life time or to the said Elias and Moses after the death of the said Abel yet hath not paid but the same to them to pay altogether hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to the said Elias and Moses to the damage of the said Elias and Moses one thousand pounds current money of Maryland and thereupon they bring suit and so forth, and the said Elias and Moses bring here into court as well the writing obligatory aforesaid which testifies the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid the date whereof is on the day and year aforesaid as also the letters testamentary of the said Elias and Moses whereby it sufficiently appears to the court here that the said Elias and Moses are the executors of the last Will and testament of the said Abel Brown and thereupon they pray to have administration &c.

R. Smith for Plff. pledges and so forth John Doe and Richd Roe

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Oyer of the writing obligatory.

Know all men by these presents that we Vachel Dorsey Junr. Vachel Dorsey Senr. and Johnsa Dorsey of the state of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Abel Brown Senr. of Baltimore county and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of five hundred pounds current money in specie only to be paid to the said Abel Brown his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this seventeenth day of february anno domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Vachel Dorsey Junr. do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Abel Brown Senr. or his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and fifty pounds current money to be paid in gold or silver only with legal interest on the same till paid then the above obligation to be void and of none effect else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed and delivered in the presents of Elias Dorsey. Elias Brown

Vachel Dorsey Junr. (Seal)
Vachel Dorsey (Seal)
Johnsa Dorsey (Seal)

At which mentioned second tuesday of may being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ. come into the General court here the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown executors as aforesaid by Robert Smith their attorney aforesaid: and the Sheriff of Baltimore county aforesaid, towit. Henry Stevenson Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the court here, thus endorsed, towit.

"Copi copy served 13th April Bail piece and power to. J. W. H. Stevenson Shff"

And the said Johnsa Dorsey by James Winchester and Richard Ridgely his attornies appears in court here, and thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown executors aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the court here, that the said Johnsa Dorsey give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said Johnsa Dorsey by his attornies aforesaid files in court here, the following bail piece, towit.

Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors of the last Will and Testament of Abel Brown against Johnsa Dorsey

we Henry Dukehart and James Smith (Butcher) do jointly and severally acknowledge ourselves special bail for Johnsa Dorsey at the suit of Elias Brown and Moses Brown executors as aforesaid in an action of debt brought by the said Elias Brown executors as aforesaid against the said Johnsa Dorsey in the General court for the Western Shore to be held in