$3000 Balt 3rd July 1804

Sixty days after date I promise to pay to Mr. Simon Wilmer or order three thousand dollars for value received.

Saml Ringgold

Endorsed. S Wilmer, Francis I and James Mitchell

The whole of which paper except the signature thereto is admitted to be in the hand writing of Simon Wilmer the payee, and the signature thereto is admitted to be in the hand writing of the Defendant, and also produced and read to the Court and Jury the endorsement thereon which is admitted to be in the hand writing of Simon Wilmer the payee, the Defendant then offered in evidence to the Court and Jury from the paper itself purporting to be the note upon which this Suit is brought that the said note since it had passed from the hands of the Defendant had been altered by Cutting off and obliterating the date which it originally bore and by giving to the same a new and different date Whereupon the Defendant prayed the Court to direct the Jury that if they were satisfied that the date of the said note had been altered since it had passed from the hands of the Defendant and without his privity and Consent that then the said paper offered no ground of action against the Defendant but was to him a nullity which opinion and direction the Court gave the Plaintiffs then to prove that Simon Wilmer the payee of said note made the said alteration in the date of the said note (if any such had been made) and that he made the said alteration as agent of the Defendant and was duly authorised to make the same and that he made the same before the said note had been passed to the plaintiff produced and read to the Court and Jury an agreement between the Plaintiffs and Defendant in these words "In some of the Cases against Samuel Ringgold the dates of the notes appear to be altered it is admitted that these alterations were made by Simon Wilmer while the notes were in his possession and before he passed it to the Plaintiffs" and to prove that the said Wilmer had authority from the said Ringgold to alter the date of this note, the Plaintiffs produced and read to the Court and Jury twenty letters from the said Ringgold to the said Wilmer which were admitted to be in the hand writing of the said Ringgold and which letters are in the words following to wit.

My Dr. Sir Annapolis Octr 5th 1801

I this moment recd your letter and the packages by Capt Barber Mr Scott going up gives me an opportunity of enclosing the notes mentioned in your letter viz 6 Blank notes which you will fill up. Mr J J Mason will be here on Monday next when all the arrangements will be made to meet the paymt of the note to Mr Cook. I cannot find words strong enough to communicate my gratitude to you for this additional favour, you have relieved my mind and feeling more than I can describe. I will to day try and make the arrangment with Mr McCulloch and will write you by the post tomorrow. Have you received any more money from the Eastern Shore? I wish you would write to Price & Hance & tell them the necessity of



of paying the bonds off immediately, did you receive any money by the mail from George Town? I will write you more fully by the post this evening, did old Chew pay you the Draft

P.S If you have not met with an opportunity for uncle Galloway's Pigs send them by Barber here and I can convey them

Sam Dr Sir
your sincere freind
Saml Ringgold

On the back of the foregoing letter was this writing to wit "Mr Simon Wilmer No 28 Cheapside Baltimore.

Dr Sir Fountain Rock Octr 6th 1801

I send the Waggon down with 12 Barrels of flour which I hope will pass for superfine, I shall continue to send once a week my own Waggon and occasionally as often other Waggons as I can get them, they are scarce at present, our seeding not being yet over, I will thank you to send the things I mentioned in the memorandum sent you by Jno the morning I left Baltimore and two barrels of good Pork, when at the City of Washington I called on several of the Directors who promised me that I could be accommodated with any sum not exceeding $6000 for 60 days and a renewal as long as the bank was in operation which they think will not be long after the meeting of Congress they think the new office of Discount and Deposit will interfere with the bank will you try and make the negotiations at Banks to take up my paper when it again comes round, write me by the Waggon your prospects will you deliver the enclosed to Mr Smith it is ordering two sets of China as had of one before purchas. We have elected 4 Republicans from this County viz R. Smith I Sellan, Truly Tilghman and Adam Otto. I write you in great haste, You must excuse this Scrawl

I am sincerely yours
Saml Ringgold

On the back of the aforegoing letter was this endorsement to wit "Mr Simon Wilmer No 28 Cheapside. Baltimore

Dear Sir. Fredericks Town October 30th 1801

I am thus far on my way to Annapolis where I hope to hear from you on monday by the post I wrote you by Mr Jenkins a few days past and then informed you of the unpleasant situation I was placed in by Mr Cooke I have made great exertions to raise money since I wrote you and shall place in your hands by the post from G Town on monday, a considerable part of the debt for which I am executed, I will give you a particular statement by the post from G Town; was I not compelled to be at Annapolis on monday I should have passed through Baltimore - my family are with me, You will I am sure excuse the liberty I take with you in this instance, my situation is so unpleasant and truly distressing to my feelings that had it been possible for me to have left my family I should have been in Baltimore before this and settled the business myself. I hope you will by some means or other raise the money for me as much as I am deficient in making up when you hear from me, let the sacrifice be what it will I will pay it cheerfully, my notes I will forward from Annapolis - shall tomorrow make some arrangements with the banks at G Town if Mr J J Mason is there, perhaps with what money I shall be able to send you on from George Town, you can