And whereupon our said Lord & Lady the King & Queene by George Plater their Attorney say that whereas the said William Fond the twenty fifth day of February Anno 1693 by his certaine bond or writing obligatory sealed with the seale of him the said William Fond here in Court produced whose date is the day & yeare aforesaid did ouer & stand justly indebted unto our said Soueraigne Lord & Lady the King & Queene their heires & successors in the full & just summe of one thousand pounds sterling lawfull current money of England which payment well & truly to be made the said William Fond did bind him selfe his heires &c. & admin. firmly by the presents Notwithstanding whereas the said William Fond the said summe of one thousand pounds lawfull current money of England to our said Soueraigne Lord & Lady the King & Queene altho often demanded hath not paid but the Fond to pay hath denyed & still doth denye wherefore upon our said Soueraigne Lord & Lady the King & Queene say they are damnified and have losse to the value of two thousand pounds & therefore upon they bring their suit & the said William Fond by William Taylard his Attorney comes & defends the force & iniury when &c. and prayes the hearing of the said bond or writing obligatory & it is read unto him he also prayes the hearing of the condition of the aforesaid bond or writing obligatory & it is read unto him in these words following viz. The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden William Fond or any other person in his behalfe at or before the departure of the said ship out of this district of Patuxent shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the Master Collector and receiver of the aforesaid port the duty of out shilling & ten pence p. hogshead for every hogshead of tobacco in cask or every foure hundred & - pounds of tobacco in bulke which shall be laden or taken aboard the said ship the present voyage & shall also pay or cause to be paid to the officer aforesaid the duty of three pence p. ton for every ton the said ship is gauged at to goe to sea & shall & shall & singular the officers & all other necessary charges for entering & clearing the said ship the present voyage in money sterling by good & sufficient bills of Exch. to be drawne on some able sufficient man in London or some other port in England aforesaid & punctually paid according to tenour & shall well & truly behaue himselfe and duly obedient yeilding unto all & singular the lawes & customs & orders of this province & then this obligation to be voyd & of none effect &c. to stand in full force & vertue —.

Nowthereat this day to wit the fifteenth day of October Anno 1696 came the said George Plater Attorney generall for our said Soueraigne Lord the King and prayed judgement against the said William Fond for the summe of one thousand pounds upon the obligation aforesaid & the said William Fond by William Taylard his said Attorney likewise came and prayed that judgement against him only for the reasons principall debt & damages but for that he said he could now bring no reason why the Court ought not to giue judgement against the said William Fond the summe of one thousand pounds sterling the debt aforesaid

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ad also the summe of pounds of tobacco cost & suit by the defendant in mercy &c. — & it is declared in open Court by the said Attorney that the principall debt being paid with the cost aforesaid the judgement to be void &c. —.

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John Theobald William & Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Queene defenders of the faith &c. To all
John Stond — whom these presents shall come greeting Know ye that
an ouer & terminer held at Portobacco for our County of Charles County the third Tuesday in May to wit —
(Charles County ss.)
Wee commaunded the Sheriffe that justly & without delay he cause to be replevied for John Theobald one Negro woman called Dorothy which John Stond had taken & unjustly detained against Gage & pledge and pledged as it is said & afterwards that he make known unto the said John Stond that he be before the Justices of our Soueraigne Lord & Lady the King & Queene at the next Court to be holden at Portobacco in Charles County on the fourteenth day of August next &c. — Witnesse Edward Lloyd 1697.
At which day here came the said John Theobald by William Stuttins his Attorney & offered himselfe against the said John Stond of the plea aforesaid and the Sheriffe now returnes that by virtue of the writ aforesaid he hath replevied the Negro woman aforesaid &c. — Witnesse Warren Skinner Clerk of Court of our Soueraigne Lord & Lady William & Mary King & Queene in &c. held at Portobacco in Charles County on the fourth day of December in the sixth yeare of their Majesties reigne Anno Domini 1694 Before

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| Capt. William Barton | Mr. Robert Yates |
| Mr. Henry Hawkins | Mr. William Hutchison |
| Col. Humphry Warren | Mr. Joseph Manning |
| Maj. Ninian Mudwood | Mr. Richard Harrison |
| Capt. Philip Hoskins | Mr. John Hanson |

Justices thereto appointed & authorized

(Charles County ss.) John Stone late of Charles County Gent was summoned to answer unto John Theobald of a plea wherefore he the said John Theobald one Negro woman of him the said John Theobald he hath unjustly detained against gage & pledge &c.

And whereupon the said John Theobald by William Stuttins his Attorney complaineth that the said John Stond the twentieth day of June in the yeare of our Lord 1693 at Portobacco within the Jurisdiction of this Court took the Negro woman the said John Theobald & her unjustly detained against gage & pledge but ought &c. Whereupon the said John Theobald saith that he is the worse & hath damage to the value of thirty fiue pounds sterling & therefore he brings his suit &c. Fit. & dec. Dent

Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe

And the said John Stond by William Stond his Attorney comes & defends the force & iniury when &c. and prayes that he may have leaue to imparle herein till the next Court to be holden on the eleventh day of September next &c. & he hath it &c. Attorney day here granted as well the said John Theobald as the said John Stond by their Attorneys aforesaid & the said John Stond prayes further leaue to imparle thereof herein till the next Court to be holden hereon the thirteenth day of November next & to answer the hath it &c. & the same day is