With his proper hand and name thereto Subscribed and to a Certain Mess.rs Benjamin and James Bradley Merchants in London residing and Negotiating directed by the first of which bills the said Wm Maria Farthing required the said Benjamin and James at thirty days Sight thereof this second and third of the Same Tenour and date being unpaid) to pay unto the said Richard a Order the Sum of twenty pounds Sterling money of great Britain for Value received and to place the same to Account of the said Wm Maria Farthing And whereas by the Custom aforesd all the time aforesaid and Approved all persons making and drawing any bill or bills of Exchange have been and Still are Chargable to pay the money in Such bills or bill Mentioned Incase of the Nonpayment thereof by the Merchant or Other person directed or requested to pay the Same and the Protestation of Such Bill or bill together with all Cost Damage and Charge Accruing by Occasion of the Nonpayment of Such money and protestation of Such bill to the person to the person Appointed to receive Such money And being so therewith Chargable the said Wm Maria Farthing in consideration thereof the day and year afs at St Marys County afs upon himself Assumed and to the said Richard then and there Faithfully promised that if the said Benjamin and James Should not pay the said twenty two pounds Sterling According to the Tenour & Effect of the Said Bill of Exchange and that by reason of the Nonpayment thereof the said bill or any one of them should be protested that he the said William Maria Farthing the said twenty two pounds Sterling together with all the Cost Damage and Charge that should be Occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof and the protestation of any of the said bills to the said Richard when thereunto requested would well and truly Content and pay And the said Richard in fact Saith that after the making and drawing the said bill Viz.t the tenth day of December Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and twenty at London Viz.t at St Marys County afs the said Benjamin and James was by the Order of the said Richard requested to Accept the said first bill and to pay the money therein mentioned Which said Bill to Accept & the money therein Mentioned to pay the said Benjamin and James then and there wholy refused and hitherto have always refused the Same wherefore the said Richard after the Expiration of the said thirty days in the Same bill mentioned Viz.t the Ninth day of January in the year afs at London afs Viz.t at the County aforesaid the same Bill (the second and third of the Same Tenour and date being unpaid) According to the Custom afs did protest or Cause to be protested and that the Cost Damage and Charge Occasioned by the Non payment of the said twenty two pounds Sterling and protestation of the said bill Amounts to four pounds Eight Shillings Sterling of all which the said William Maria Farthing afterwards to wit the Tenth day of March in the year of Our Lord Seventeen hundred and twenty two at St Marys County afs had Notice Nevertheless the said William Maria Farthing his promised and Assumption afores.d little regarding but minding and fraudulently him the said Richard in this behalf Craftily and Subtilly to deceive and defraud the said twenty two pounds and four pounds Eight Shillings

(Stg.)

Sterling in all Amounting to Twenty Six pounds Eight Shillings Sterling or any part thereof the said William Maria Farthing to the said Richard hath not paid or any way Contented altho so to do the said William Maria Farthing Viz.t the twentieth day of March Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Twenty two and often afterwards at St Marys County afs was requested but the Same to him to pay hath hitherto refused and still doth refuse whereby the said Richard Saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of Fifty pounds Sterling and therefore he brings his Suit &c.

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And the aforesaid William Maria Farthing by Philip Hoy and William Cumming his Attorneys comes and Defends the force and Injury when &c and prays Leave to Imparle thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to the Plaintiff hereof.

At which said next Court to wit the 19.th day of May Annoq. Dom.i 1724 Comes again as well the said Richard Bennett by his Attorney afs as the said William Maria Farthing by his Attorneys aforesaid And the said William Maria Farthing by his said Attorneys as before defends the force and Injury when &c and Saith that he hath not Assumed upon himself in Manner and Form as the Plaintiff above against him hath Complained and thereof he puts himself upon the Country -

And the Plaintiff also

Whereupon for Trying that Issue Commander given to the Sheriff of St Marys County that he Cause to come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next or before the Justices Appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they Shall before that time to sit on Wednesday the Sixteenth day of September next to the County Court house in his County Twelve good and Lawfull men of his Bailywick by whom &c who Neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c.

Afterward the process Continued between the parties afs on the Plea afs by the day being put thereon in Respect hereunto until the third Tuesday of October next unto the Justices of this Ptcy the Lord Proprty to take the Assizes in the said County assigned on Wednesday the Sixteenth day of September next to the County Court house in the said County Should Come.

And now here at this day to wit the said third Tuesday of October being the twentieth day of the Same Month Anno Domi 1724 Comes again before his Lordships Justices of the provincial Court here as well the said Richard Bennett Esq.r by his Attorney aforesaid as the said William Maria Farthing by his Attorneys aforesaid But the Sheriff hath not Sent his writ

Thereupon the said William Maria Farthing by his said Attorneys relinquishing his Averment afs by him above pretended as before Defend the force and Injury when &c and Saith that he Cannot Gainsay the Plaintiffs his Action afs as aforesaid against him brought nor can he say but that the said Plaintiff Ought to recover his Damages by Occasion of the premises aforesaid besides his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf Laid out and Expended to the sume of Twenty Six pounds Eight Shillings Sterling which the said Plaintiff does not Gainsay.

(Therefore)