DD George Plater Esq. & Ux. Exr. of Jas Bowles Esq. . . . . } Maryland ss. Dorchester County ss. Be it Remembered

WB Elizabeth Thos & John Woolford Exrs of Roger Woolford . . . . That heretofore to wit the 8th Day of July anno Domi 1735 Elizabeth Woolford of Dorchester County Widow John Woolford & Thomas Woolford of Dorchester County Gentlemen Executors of the Testament of Roger Woolford late of Dorchester County Esq. deceased lately called Roger Woolford of Dorset County were Summoned to answer unto George Plater Esq. & Rebecca his Wife Exx. of the Testament & Last Will of James Bowles Esq. Deceased of a Plea that they render unto them One Hundred & Sixty Pounds Seven Shillings & three Pence Sterling which from them they unjustly Detain &c.

And whereupon the same George & Rebecca by Daniel Dulany their Attorny Say that whereas the said Roger in his Life time the Eighteenth Day of May in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Sixteen at St Marys County by his Obligation Writing Granted himself to be Held and firmly Bound unto the said James in his Life in the said one Hundred & Sixty Pounds Seven Shillings & three Pence to be paid to the said James when thereunto Required yet the said Roger in his Life Time or the said Elizabeth Thomas & John or any of them since his Death altho often Required the said One Hundred & Sixty Pounds Seven Shillings & three Pence or any Part thereof to the said James in his Life time or the said Rebecca while sole & before her Intermarriage with the said George Nor to the said George & Rebecca Since the Espousalls betwixt them had Celebrated have not nor any of them rendered or Paid But the same to the said James Rebecca & George or any of them to Render or pay have and every of them hath Refused and the same to the said George & Rebecca to Render the said Elizabeth Thomas & John Still Refuse To the Damage of the said George & Rebecca One Hundred Pounds Sterling & therefore they Bring this Suit & they Bring here into Court the Writing aft. Which the Debt aforesaid in form aft Testifies the Date whereof is the Day and year aforesaid and also the Letters Testamentary whereby the said Rebecca her being Exx as aforesaid may appear &c.

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And the said Elizabeth Thos & John Woolford by Wm Buckingham their atty Come and Defend the Force and Injury when &c. and Pray an Hearing of the Writing aft as also of the Condition thereof and they have it in these words Viz.

Maryland ss. Know all men by these Presents that We Roger Woolford of Dorset County are held and firmly Bound unto James Bowles of St Marys in the Sum or Penalty of one Hundred & Sixty Pounds Seven Shillings & three Pence Sterling. For the which payment well & truly to be made & done We Bind our Self our Heirs Exrs in the Whole & for the Whole Jointly and Severally unto him the said James Bowles or his Assigns firmly by these Presents Sealed with my Seale Dated the 18th May 1715.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bound Roger Woolford or Either do well & truly Pay or Cause to be Paid unto the above named James Bowles or his Assigns the Sum of Eighty Pounds three Shillings & five Pence Sterling at or Before the tenth Day of May next Ensuing then the above Obligation to be Void & of None Effect otherwise to Stand in full force & Virtue.

Witnesses Thos Elagoth, Rich. Hoo — Roger Woolford (Seal)

(Which)

Which Being read and heard the said Elizabeth Thos & John Woolford by their atty aforesaid pray Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court & they have it and the same Day is given to the said George Plater & Ux. Exr. of James Bowles also.

At which said next Court to wit the 21st Day of October anno Domi 1735 Come again the said Parties Plfs & Defts by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendants by their said atty pray further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and they have it & the same Day is given to the Plfs also.

At which said next Court to wit the 18th Day of May anno Domi 1736 Comes again as well the said George Plater & Ux. Exrix aforesaid by their atty aforesaid as the Eliz. Thos & John Woolford Exrs as aft by their atty as before & Defends the Force and Injury when &c. and say that the aforesaid George Plater an Rebecca his Wife their action aforesaid against them to have Ought not because they Say that the said Roger Woolford did pay unto the same James Bowles the Sum of Eighty Pounds three Shillings & five Pence Sterling before the tenth Day of May Ensuing the Date of the Writing aft to wit on the Ninth Day of May in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Sixteen at St Marys County aforesaid according to the Form of the Condition of the same Writing and this they are Ready to Verify Wherefore they pray Judgement if the aft George & Rebecca their action aft against them to Have or Maintain Ought &c.

And the said George & Rebecca Say that the said Roger Woolford in his Life Time did not pay the Money in the Condition of the said Writing Mentioned as the said Eliz. Thos & John have above alledged & of this they put themselves upon the Country And the Plff also &c.

Whereupon for trying the Issue aft Command is again given to the Sheriff of Dorchester 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 be before that Time to wit on Monday the thirteenth Day of September next to the County Come twelve &c. by Whom &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. Because as well &c.

Afterwards the Process Continued between the Parties aft on the Plea aforesaid By the Jury being put thereon in respite here untill the third Tuesday of October next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Propty to take the Assizes in the said County Assigned on Monday the thirteenth Day of September next to the County Court House in the said County should Come &c.

And now here at this Day to wit the 19th Day of October anno Domi 1736 Come again before the Justices of his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the said George Plater & Rebecca his Wife Exx as aforesaid By their atty aforesaid as the said Elizabeth Thos & John Woolford Exrs as aft By their atty aft But the Sheriff hath not sent his Writ.

Whereupon By Consent of the Parties aft the Tryal of the Issue aft is by the Court here ordered to be had in Queen Anns County

Whereupon Command is again given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County that he Cause to Come before the Justices of his Lordships Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that Time to wit on Wednesday the twentieth Day of April next to the County Court House in the said County Come twelve &c. to recognize in form aft &c.

(Afterwards)