he Should have his Body before the Justices of his Lordships Provin=cial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May then next to Answer unto Samuel Richards Israil Mauduit Edmund Lardner and William Loche Assignees according to the form of the Statutes of Ban=krupts in Such Case made and provided of George Buchanan and William Hamilton late of London Merchants of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. —

At which Said third Tuesday of May to wit the Twentieth day of the Same Month Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and fifty five being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ Comes the Said Samuel Richards Israil Mauduit Edmund Lardner and William Cook Assignees aforesaid by James Tilghman their Attorney and the Sheriff of Somerset County to whom the Said Writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed — Capias Lepi so Answers.

Henry Ballard Sher.

And the Said James Richards Israel Mauduit Edmund Lardner and William Cooke by James Tilghman their Attorney declares against the Said Alexander Adams in the Plea aforesaid as follows Viz.t

Somerset County ss. Alexander Adams of Somerset County Clerk was Attached to Answer unto Samuel Richards Israel Mauduit Edmund Lardner and William Cook Assignees according to the form of the Statutes of Bankrupts in Such Case made and Provided of George Buchanan and William Hamilton late of London Merchants of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. —

And whereupon the Same Samuel Richards Israel Mauduit Edmund Lardner and William Cook by James Tilghman their Attorney Complain that whereas the Said Alexander Adams the

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Second day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty three at the County aforesaid was indebted to them and a certain Archabald Machlans deceased whom they have Sur=vived as Assignees of the Debts of the Said George Buchanan and William Hamilton as aforesaid for divers Articles matters and things Properly lying and Chargeable in Account in the Sum of five hun=dred and thirty Eight pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eleven pence Sterling as by an Account thereof here into Court brought may appear and so being Indebted afterwards to wit the Same day and Year at the County aforesaid upon himself did Assume and unto the said Assignees then and there faithfully did promise to pay unto them the Same Sum of Sterling Money when thereto afterwards he should be required. Nevertheless the Said Alexander Adams his Promise and Assumption aforesaid nothing regarding but minding and fraudulently Intend=ing the Same Samuel Richards Israel Mauduit Archabald Mach=lane Edmund Lardner and William Cook in the Lifetime of the Said Archabald Machlane and the Said Survivors Since his Deat in this part Craftily and Subtilly to deceive and Defraud the aforesaid Five hundred and thirty Eight pounds Sixteen Shillings and eleven Pence Sterling unto the Said Samuel Richards Israel Mauduit Archebald Machlane Edmund Lardner and William Cook in the Life time of the Said Archabald or to the Said Survivors Since his Death hath not paid altho to do the Same afterwards to wit the Tenth day of June in the Same Year at the County aforesaid by the Said Survivors after the Death of the Said Archabald he was required But the Same to them or any of them to pay hath refused and the Same to the Same Survivors to pay Still doth refuse to the Damage of the Said Plaintiffs One thousand pounds Sterling and therefore they bring Suit —

Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe —

Which account mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration follows in these words Viz.t — Vide in page 38 —