Planter otherwise called Benjamin Bell Junr. of Prince Georges County and Province of Maryland if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he should have his Body before his Lordships Justices of his Lordships then next County Court to be held at Upper Marlborough Town in the said County on the fourth Tuesday in August then next to answer unto Christopher Lowndes & Company of a plea that he render unto them the full and Just sum of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety seven Pounds and half Crop Tobacco which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains &c so forth that thereof he do not fail at his peril and that he have then and there that Writ &c. And now at this day to wit the fourth Tuesday in August aforesaid in the tenth Year of his Lordships Dominion &c. comes here at the Town aforesaid before the Justices of the Court here the said Christopher Lowndes & Comy. by Daniel Dulany their Attyr. and offer themselves against the said Benjamin Bell Junr. off and upon the plea aforesaid and at the same day and place the Sheriff to wit Colmore Beanes Gentr. makes return of the above recited Writ as follows to wit

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The Original of which Copy is as follows viz.

Prince Georges County ss.

Benjn. Bell Junr. late of Prince Georges County Planter otherwise called Benjamin Bell Junr. of Prince Georges County and Province of Maryland was Summoned to answer unto Christopher Lowndes & Company of a plea that he render unto them the full and Just sum of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety seven Pounds & half Crop Tobacco which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains and so forth And Whereupon the same Christopher Lowndes &c. by Daniel Dulany their Attyr. say that whereas the aforesaid Benjamin Bell Jr. the twenty fourth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four at Prince Georges County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory granted himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Christopher Lowndes &c. in the aforesaid sum of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety seven & half Pounds of Crop Tobacco to be paid unto the said Christopher Lowndes &c. when he should be thereunto afterwards required Nevertheless the aforesaid Benjamin Bell Junr. altho often since required to wit the twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight at Prince Georges County aforesaid the aforesaid sum of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety seven & half Pounds of

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Crop Tobacco or any part thereof to the said Christopher Lowndes &c. hath not rendred or paid but the same to them to render or pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to pay the same wherefore they say they are the worse and have damage to the value of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety seven and half Pounds of Crop Tobacco and therefore suit is brought and so forth and the said Christopher Lowndes &c. brings hereunto the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the Seal of the said Benjamin Bell Junr. which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Testifies whose date is the same day and Year first aforesaid and so forth Danl. Dulany for the Plffs pledges &c. Jabez Rod & Richard Rod

And the said Benjamin Bell Junr. by Thomas Clark his Attorney comes and defends the Force and injury when and so forth and prays a hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and it is read unto him and he also prays a hearing of the Condition of the said writing Obligatory and he hath it in these words following to wit Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Bell Junr. of Prince Georges County and Province of Maryland am held and firmly Bound unto Christopher Lowndes & Company in the full and Just sum of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety Seven Pounds & half Crop Tobacco to be paid unto the said Christopher Lowndes & Company their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind my self my Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal and dated this twenty fourth day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and fifty four The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bound Benjamin Bell Junr. do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Christopher Lowndes and Company their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of six thousand three hundred ninety eight Pounds three Quarters like Tobacco at or upon the tenth day of November next ensuing the date hereof with Legal Interest for the same then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue in Law

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of } Benjn. Bell Junr. (Seal)
John Brooke Beall

And hereupon this day to wit the fourth Tuesday in August in the tenth Year of his Lordships Dominion &c. Samuel Banks and John Brashears the third of Prince Georges County Planters in their Proper Persons in Court here become Pledges and Manucaptors for the said Benjamin Bell Junr. that

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