The said William Symonds and John Bayard by their attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Cecil County to whom the same writ was directed likewise Comes and makes return thereof in the Court here thus Indorsed to wit

Cepi Corpus Rem delivered 21st Feby 1764 Rich Thomas Sheriff

And the said Thomas Davis being called upon appears Thereupon at the prayer of the Plaintiffs by their attorney aforesaid he the said Thomas Davis is adjudged to give Special Bail to the action aforesaid Whereupon he filed in Court here the following Bail Bond to wit

William Symonds and John Bayard Plaintiffs against Thomas Davis the Defendant — Know John Ward Veazey and William Cox of Cecil County planters and either of you do Bound stand for the said Thomas Davis Defendant in the sum of Eight hundred and Seventy seven pounds eleven shillings and ten pence Current money of Maryland to be levied on your and either of your Lands and Tenements Goods and Chattels to the use of said William Symonds and John Bayard Plaintiffs upon Condition that if the said William Symonds and John Bayard do Obtain Judgment in an Action of Debt Depending in the Provincial Court against the said Thomas Davis the Defendant that then the said Thomas Davis shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or deliver himself to the Custody of the Sheriff of Cecil County in Satisfaction Thereof or you or one of you will do it for him, they Acknowledge themselves to be Content therewith this fourth day of April Anno Domini 1764 —

To the Honourable the Justices of the Provincial Court } before Hoddy, Sidney George

And the aforesaid Thomas Davis by Charles Gordon his attorney Comes and Defends the force and Injury when and wherefore and prays a hearing of the Bill Obligatory aforesaid and to him it is read in the words following to wit

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Davis in the County of Cecil in the Province of Maryland Mercht. do owe and am justly indebted unto Symonds and Bayard of the City of Philadelphia Merchants in the just and full sum of four hundred and thirty Eight pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence current money of Pennsylvania To be paid to the sd. Symonds & Bayard their Factors attorney Exr. Exrs. admtor. Assigns or at before the twenty fourth day of September next ensuing w.th lawful Interest from sd. date To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Exors. and Admrs. firmly by these presents in the penal sum of Eight hundred and Seventy seven pounds eleven shillings and ten pence money as aforesaid, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of March Seventeen hundred and Sixty two 1762 —

Which being read and heard the said Thomas Davis by his Attorney aforesaid prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also —

At which said next Court to wit the Eleventh day of September Anno Dominet 1764 Comes here again as well the said William Symonds and John Bayard by their attorney aforesaid as the said Thomas Davis by his attorney aforesaid Whereupon John Ward Veazy and William Cox who became Bail for the said Thomas Davis surrender him up to the Court here and pray that they the said John Ward Veazy and William Cox may be discharged from being further Bail for him the said Thomas Davis And thereupon the said Thomas Davis is ordered to give new Bail to the action aforesaid But for want thereof he is committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Cecil County there to remain until &c. who being present took Charge of him accordingly And the said Thomas Davis in Custody as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also —

At which said next Court to wit the Ninth day of April Anno Dominet 1765 Comes here again as well the said William Symonds and John Bayard by their attorney aforesaid as the said Thomas Davis by his attorney aforesaid, And the aforesaid Thomas Davis by his attorney aforesaid saveth of his Defends the force and Injury when and wherefore and saith that he with the Debt ad. by virtue of the writing aforesaid to be mentioned ought not because he saith that that writing is not his Deed and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. wherefore and the Plaintiffs in like manner and wherefore —

And the aforesaid Thomas by the leave of the Court here according to the form of the Statute Comes & defends the force & Injury when & wherefore and saith that he doth not owe unto the said William Symonds & John Bayard the aforesaid sum of money nor any penny thereof and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c.

And the said William and John as to the second plea of the said Thomas in manner and form above pleaded say that they by anything in the said second plea alledged from having their Action ad thereof against the said Thomas to be precluded ought not because they say that the said second plea and the matter therein contained are insufficient in Law for to preclude them from having their action ad thereof against the said Thomas to which same second plea in manner and form ad pleaded they have no need nor by the Law of the Land are held in any sort to answer and this they are ready to verify &c. wherefore for want of a sufficient plea in this behalf the said William and John pray Judgment and their Debt together with their Damages by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt to them to be adjudged &c. forth —

Whereupon the aforesaid William Symonds and John Bayard by their attorney aforesaid do not further prosecute their writ aforesaid against the said Thomas Davis in the plea aforesaid but Voluntarily suffer the same to be Discontinued —

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Wly John Shee against Wm John Ward } Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take John Ward late of Cecil County Merchant otherwise called John Ward of Cecil County Maryland Merchant if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might