here unto him on his Agent Adjudged for his Cost and Charges by him about his Defence in this Behalf Laid out and Expended and that he have thereof his Execution and soforth

Test Reverdy Ghislin Clk

Ill Thomas & Ruth Elliott } Maryland Prince Georges County to wit his Lordships the Lord
of } Proprietarys Writ of Replevin out of his Lordships High Court of
Thomas Williams } Chancery issued to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid Clerk
in the Words following to wit Maryland ss. Frederick

Absolute Lord and proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County Greeting whereas Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott of Ann Arundel County hath come into our High Court of Chancery and found Sufficient Sureties as well for their Clamour to Prosecute and for one Negro Woman Named Kate the proper Negroe Slave which was of the said Thomas Elliott & Ruth Elliott which Thomas Williams of Prince Georges County aforesaid hath taken & unjustly Detains against Sureties and pledges as it is said to be returned if the return thereof shall be Adjudged We therefore command you that the said Negroe Woman named Kate to the aforesaid Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott to be replevied & Delivered you cause and that you put by Sureties and Pledges the said Thomas Williams that he be and Appear before the Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis on the second Tuesday of September next to Answer to the aforesaid Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott of a plea of taking and unjustly detaining the Negroe Slave aforesaid and how you shall Execute this Writ that you make known to the Justices of the same Court at the day and place aforesaid and have you then and there this Writ Witness our Trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esquire Chancellor of our said Province this 11th day of August Anno Domini 1763. (I Hall) Reverdy Ghislin Reg. Cur. Cancl.

At which said second Tuesday of September to wit the 13th day of the same Month Anno Domini 1763. being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ come the said Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott by John Hall their Attorney and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County to whom the same Writ was Directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed Viz. Prince Georges County Septemb. 9th 1763. The within Negro Wench Kate is Appraised by us the Subscribers to Forty pounds current Money of Maryland Witness our hands Rich. Duckett Junr.

Henry Hilleary

I Hereby make known to the Honourable the Justices that I Replevied the Negro Kate Valued as above and Delivered the same to Thomas and Ruth Elliott as I am within commanded

Geo: Scott Shff.

And the said Thomas Williams by Thomas Johnson Junior his Attorney prays that his Lordships Writ of Returno Habendo may issue directed to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid which was granted on his giving Security according to Law and the said Thomas William by his Attorney aforesaid produced to the Court here the following Bond Viz.

Know all men by these Presents that we Thomas Williams of Prince Georges County and George Scott of the same County Esq. are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Elliott

and

and Ruth Elliott of Ann Arundel County in the Sum of Eighty pounds Maryld Current Money to be paid to them the said Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott their Executors Administrators or Assigns To the which Payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves & each of us our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this Fifteenth day of September Anno Domini 1763. Whereas the above bound Thomas Williams hath obtained an order of the Provincial Court for return of a Negro Woman named Kate replevied by Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Williams do and shall well and truly Deliver to them the said Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott the aforesaid Negro Woman named Kate which hath been replevied by them the said Thomas and Ruth Elliott in case the same Negro Woman shall be Adjudged the Property of them the said Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott that then the above Obligation to be Void else to remain in full force and Vertue in Law

Signed Sealed & Delivered (the Words Thomas Elliott being first interlined) in the presence of } Elie Vallette, Jno. Pinkney — Thos. Williams (Seal) — G. Scott (Seal)

Whereupon the aforesaid Bond and Securities were Approved of by the Court here and ordered by the same Court that the Writ of Returno Habendo above prayed for issue which was done accordingly And the said Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott by their Attorney aforesaid in the Cause aforesaid file the following Declaration Viz. Maryland to wit Thomas Williams Late of Prince Georges County was summoned to Answer unto Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott of a plea wherefore he did take one Negro Woman named Kate the proper Negroe Slave of them the said Thomas Elliott and Ruth Elliott and her unjustly doth Detain against Sureties and pledges and soforth And Whereupon the same Plaintiffs by John Hall their Attorney complain that the said Thomas Williams on the first day of August in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and fifty three at Prince Georges County aforesaid took the aforesaid Negroe Woman named Kate the proper Negroe Slave of them the said Plaintiffs and her unjustly doth Detain against Sureties and pledges &c. as it is said whereby the said Plaintiffs say they are prejudiced and have Damage to the Value of one hundred and fifty pounds current Money and therefore the bring Suit and soforth Pledges and soforth John Doe and Richard Roe

And the said Thomas Williams by Thomas Johnson Junior his Attorney comes and Defends the Force and injury when and soforth and 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 10th Day of April Anno Dom. 1764 come again the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attornies aforesaid And the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further 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 10th day of September Anno Domini 1764 come again the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attornies aforesaid And the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays

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