which the Debt aforesaid, in Form aforesaid, Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth, Pledges and so forth John Doe and Richard Roe A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid. — And now here at this day to wit the 3d day of May Anno Domini, 1775 to which Time April Term Seventeen hundred and seventy four Provincial Court was adjourned, by an Act of Assembly of this province "Entituled." An Act for the Adjournment of the Provincial Court" come the said Alexander Spiers, John Bowman, William French, John Crawford, George Crawford & Ebenezer Mackie by their Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Queen Anns County to whom the Writ aforesaid was directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed to wit. Capi Corpus & Phil Downes Shff.

And the said, Joshua Clark being called upon appears and at the prayer of the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid the said Joshua Clark is adjudged to give Special Bail to the Action aforesaid Thereupon the said Joshua Clark by Solomon Wright his Attorney offers in Court here the following Bail piece to wit

Spiers, French & Co. plaintiffs against Joshua Clark Defendant

You William Hopper and Philip Feddan do jointly & severally acknowledge your selves Special Bail for the said, Joshua Clark at the suit of the said, Spiers, French & Co. in an Action of Debt brought by the said Spiers French & Co against the said, Joshua in the Provincial, Court They acknowledge themselves to be Content therewith this Twenty sixth day of April, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & seventy four before us two of his Lordships Justices of Queen Anns County Court — James Kent — Bordley.

And the said, Joshua Clark by his Attorney aforesaid comes and defends the Force and Injury when and so forth, and prayeth an Hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath them as follows Viz.

Know all Men by these presents that I Joshua Clark of Queen Anns County & Province of Maryland, Merchant am held and firmly bound unto Alexander Spiers John Bowman, William French, John Crawford, & George Crawford of Glasg.r & Ebenezer Mackie in Maryland in the full and just Sum of Four hundred & Eighty pounds Current Money rating Dollars at seven shillings & six pence each to be paid unto the said, Spiers Bowman French Crawfords and Mackie their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal and dated this Eleventh day of November Anno Domini, One thousand Seven hundred and sixty nine

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The Condition of the above Obligation is such That if the above bound Joshua Clark do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid, unto Alex.r Spiers, John Bowman, Wm. French John Crawford Geo: Crawford, & Ebenezer Mackie their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full Sum of Two hundred & forty pounds eight shillings & Eleven pence Current Money aforesaid, at or upon the first day of May next ensuing the Date hereof then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full Force and Virtue in Law

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of: Geo: Daffin

Joshua Clark (25)

Which being read and heard the said Joshua Clark by his said, Attorney 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 ~~come the said~~ to wit the 13th day of September Anno Domini, 1775 come the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attorneys 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 second Tuesday of April, being the 11th day of the same Month Anno Domini, 1775 come as well the said Alex.r Spiers John Bowman, William French, John Crawford, George Crawford & Ebenezer Mackie by their Attorney aforesaid as the said Joshua Clark by his Attorney aforesaid and the said, Joshua Clark by his said, Attorney (as before) defends the Force and Injury when and so forth and says that the Plaintiffs aforesaid their Action aft. thereof against him to have or maintain ought not, because he says that after passing the said Writing Obligatory and before the Impetration of the original, Writ of the same Plaintiffs in this Cause to wit on the first day of May in the Year Seventeen hundred & seventy he paid, the said Plaintiffs the Sum of two hundred and forty pounds Eight shillings and Eleven pence Current Money according to the Form and Effect of the Condition, aforesaid to wit at the County aft.d & this he is ready to verifie wherefore he prays Judgment if the aft.d Plaintiffs their Action aft. thereof against him to have or maintain ought &

Nevertheless the said, Joshua Clark by his Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the Averment above by him pretended, saith, that he cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the aforesaid Plaintiffs so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that the Writing Obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of him the said Joshua Clark nor but that he owes to the said, Plaintiffs the aforesaid Sum of Four hundred and Eighty pounds Current Money of Maryland in manner and form, so as the aforesaid Plaintiffs above against him hath declared.

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here that the said Alex.r Spiers, John Bowman, William French, John Crawford, George Crawford & Ebenezer Mackie

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