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Recover against the said Joshua Clark as well the Sum of Four hundred and Eighty pounds Current Money of Maryland their Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Confessed,
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pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto them on their assent adjudged, as well for their Damages sustained, by means of detaining that Debt as for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this behalf laid out and expended, — And the said Defendant in Mercy and so forth — Mem.ᵈ The plaintiffs Release the Penalty on payment of Principal, Interest & Cost & to stay Execution Till 15ᵗʰ September next Payments if any to be allowed Test Geo: Ranken Clk

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I Hᶜʸ. Robert Browne against I. William Hopper and James Kent

Command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County that he should take William Hopper late of Queen Anns County Merchant and James Kent late of Queen Anns County Merchant otherwise called William Hopper and James Kent Merchᵗˢ if they should be found in his Bailiwick, and them should safe keep so that he might have their Bodies before the Justices before the Justices of his Ladeships provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of September then next to Answer unto Robert Browne of a Plea that they render unto him the full and just Sum of Six hundred and Eighty Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and two pence which to him they owed and Unjustly detained and so forth And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his Peril and that he should have then and there that Writ &c. — Command was also given to the Coroners of Caroline County or any one of them that they should take William Hopper late of Queen Anns County Merchant and James Kent late of Queen Anns County Merchant otherwise called William Hopper and James Kent Merchants if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them should safe keep so that they might have their Bodies before the Justices of his Lordships Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the Second Tuesday of September then next to Answer unto Robert Browne of a Plea that they render unto him the full and just Sum of Six hundred and Eighty Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and two pence which to him they owed and Unjustly detained and so forth And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his Peril and that he should have then and there that Writ &c. — And the said Robert Browne by James Holliday his Attorney Declared against the said William Hopper and James Kent in the Plea aforesaid as follows to wit. —

Queen Anns County to wit William Hopper late of Queen Anns County Merchant and James Kent late of Queen Anns County Merchant and James Kent late of Queen Anns County Merchant otherwise called William Hopper and James Kent Merchants were Summoned to Answer unto Robert Browne of a Plea that they render unto him the full and just Sum of Six hundred and Eighty Six (Pounds

Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Two pence which to him they owe and unjustly detain and so forth And Whereupon the aforesaid Robert by James Holliday his Attorney saith that Whereas the aforesaid William Hopper and James Kent the third day of November One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy three at Queen Anns County aforesaid by their certain Writing Obligatory had granted themselves to be held to the aforesaid Robert in the aforesaid full and just Sum of Six hundred and Eighty Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and two pence to be paid to the said Robert when afterwards they should be thereunto Required Nevertheless the said William Hopper and James Kent altho often required the aforesaid Sum of Six hundred and Eighty Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Two pence unto the said Robert have not paid but the same to him to pay they have hitherto refused and still do refuse to the damage of the said Robert Five hundred Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings Suit and so forth And they bring into Court here the Writing Obligatory aforesaid which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the Day and year aforesaid and so forth Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe
(To which Declaration afs. were made and sent with the writs which stood in the Plea aforesaid)

And the aforesaid William Hopper and James Kent being called upon appeared and at the Prayer of the Plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid the said William Hopper and James Kent are Adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid Whereupon the said William Hopper and James Kent by James Dalghman their Attorney files in Court here the following Bail Bond to wit Robert Browne Plaintiff and William Hopper and James Kent Defendants Now Thomas Wright and Charles Downes Junior do Jointly and Severally Acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said William Hopper at the Suit of the said Robert Browne in an Action of Debt brought by the said Robert Browne against the said William Hopper and James Kent in the Provincial Court They acknowledge themselves to be Content therewith this Tenth day of September in the Year Seventeen hundred Seventy Four Before Us two of his Lordships Justices of Caroline County Court. — Joshua Clark — Richd. Mason.

To the honorable the Justices of the Provincial Court. —

Robert Browne Plaintiff against William Hopper and James Kent Defendants Now James O'Bryon and Charles Downes Junr. do Jointly and Severally Acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said James Kent at the Suit of the said Robert Browne in an Action of Debt brought by the said Robert Browne against the said William Hopper and James Kent in the Provincial Court they Acknowledge themselves to be Content therewith this Second day of September in the Year Seventeen hundred and Seventy Four Before Us the Subscribers two of his Lordships Justices of Queen Anns County Court. —

Th Wright — J. Bozdley

To the honorable the Justices of the Provincial Court. —

And the said William Hopper and James Kent by their Attorney aforesaid come and defend the force and Injury when and so forth and prayeth an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and they have them as follows to wit. Know all Men by these Presents that We William Hopper and James Kent Merchᵗˢ are held and firmly bound unto Robert Browne in the full and just Sum of Six hundred and Eighty Six Pounds eight Shillings and two Pence to be paid to the said Robert Browne his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns, To the which payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this third day of November Anno Domini one thousand Seven (hundred