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Trading Merchant living and using Commerce within this Province of Maryland to wit at Charles County aforesaid did on the twenty ninth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy two at Maryland to wit at Charles County aforesaid according to the ... Usage and Custom of Merchants in Great Britain and this Province time out of mind used and approved make and with his proper hand subscribe his certain first Bill of Exchange in writing bearing date the day and year last aforesaid and the same Bill directed to certain John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate Merchants in London in Great Britain aforesaid by the names of Messrs. Barnes and Redgate Merchants in London and by the said Bill the same Zephaniah requested the said Barnes and Redgate at sixty days sight of that his first of Exchange (Second non third paid) to pay unto the said John Barnes by the name of Mr. John Barnes or Order the sum of One hundred and one pounds Sterling money of Great Britain value received of him and to ... place the same to Account of the Effects of the same John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate in the hands of the same Zephaniah Turner and the aforesaid John Barnes afterwards to wit on the same day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid by his Indorsement on the said Bill of Exchange (so as aforesaid made subscribed and directed) made and with his proper hand - - subscribed according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants aforesaid all the time aforesaid used and approved ordered the said John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate to pay the contents of the said Bill of Exchange to a certain Edward Spriggs Junior or order the said Edward Spriggs Junior then and still residing trading and living Commerce in this Province to wit at the County aforesaid and the aforesaid Edward Spriggs Junior afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the ... County aforesaid by his Indorsement on the said Bill of Exchange so as aforesaid made subscribed and directed made and with his proper hand subscribed according to the Usage and Custom of - - Merchants aforesaid all the time aforesaid used and approved Ordered the same John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate to pay the contents of the said Bill of Exchange to the said Reeve Meredith or order the said Reeve Meredith then and still residing trading and living Commerce in this Province to wit at the County aforesaid And the aforesaid Reeve Meredith afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid by his Indorsement on the said Bill of Exchange (so as aforesaid made subscribed and directed) made and with his proper hand subscribed according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants aforesaid all the time aforesaid used and approved ordered the said John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate to pay the contents of the said Bill of Exchange to a certain Daniel Phenix or order the said Daniel Phenix then and still residing trading and living Commerce in this Province to wit at the County aforesaid and the same Daniel Phenix afterwards to wit on the same day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid by his Indorsement on the said Bill of Exchange (so as aforesaid made subscribed and directed) made and with his proper hand subscribed according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants aforesaid all the time aforesaid used and approved ordered the same John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate to pay the contents of the said Bill of Exchange to a certain Samuel Elam or Order the said Samuel Elam then and still residing trading and living Commerce in this Province to wit at the County aforesaid and the same Samuel Elam afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid by his Indorsement on the said Bill of Exchange) so as aforesaid made subscribed and directed) made and with his proper hand subscribed according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants

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Aforesaid All the time aforesaid used and approved ordered the said John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate to pay the contents of the said Bill of Exchange to certain by the name of Messrs. Smith Wright and Gray of London Bankers the said Smith Wright and Gray then and still residing trading and living Commerce in this Province to wit at the County aforesaid which said Bill so as aforesaid made subscribed and directed with the said Indorsement thereon as aforesaid made was after the making thereof and after the Indorsements aforesaid made to wit on the Twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy three at London in Great Britain aforesaid with the Indorsements thereon as aforesaid by a certain David Grant Notary Public resident in London - aforesaid at the request of the said Smith Wright and Gray carried to the usual Compting house of the - same John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate then situate in London in Great Britain aforesaid to shew unto the same John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate and to demand of the same John - Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate payment of the aforesaid Bill according to the tenor thereof and the Indorsements thereon as aforesaid and the Usage and Custom of Merchants aforesaid in such cases time out of mind used and approved and the aforesaid Reeve Meredith in fact saith that the aforesaid John - - Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate were not on the day and year last aforesaid to be found at their said Compting house nor was there any person on the day and year last aforesaid at the aforesaid Counting house of the same John Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate who would pay the said Bill of Exchange whereupon the same Smith Wright and Gray afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at London in Great Britain aforesaid according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants aforesaid the same John - - Barnes and Thomas Howe Redgate having before that time to wit from the day of in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy two then last past at London in Great Britain aforesaid had sixty days sight thereof and the second and third of the same Bills of the same tenor and date ... being unpaid did cause the said Bill of Exchange to be protested for non payment as aforesaid and - afterwards to wit on the Twelfth day of January in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy three aforesaid certain Messrs. Sargent Chambers and Company at London aforesaid according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants aforesaid in the Behalf and for the honour of him the said Reeve Meredith paid the said sum of One hundred and one Pounds Sterling in the said Bills of Exchange mentioned together with the damage and charges suffered and sustained by reason of the non payment and protest as aforesaid of the said Bills of Exchange to the Order and for the use of him the same Smith Wright and Gray of all which premises - the same Zephaniah Turner afterwards to wit on the first day of July in the year Seventeen hundred and - Seventy three at Charles County aforesaid had notice by reason whereof the same Zephaniah Turner according to the Usage and Custom of Merchants aforesaid in that behalf time out of mind used and approved became ... liable for and chargeable to pay unto him the said Reeve Meredith the aforesaid sum of money in the said Bill of Exchange mentioned together with all Lawful Costs Damage and Interest by the said Reeve Meredith suffered and sustained by reason of the Non payment of the said Bill of Exchange or the contents thereof and Protest as aforesaid and being so therewith chargeable the aforesaid Zephaniah afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at Charles County aforesaid in Consideration of the Premises upon himself assumed and to the - said Reeve Meredith then and there faithfully promised that he the said Zephaniah the aforesaid sum of money in the said Bill mentioned together with all Lawful Cost Damage and Interest by the said Reeve Meredith suffered and sustained by reason of the Non payment of the said Bill of Exchange or the contents thereof

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