the provincial Court. They acknowledge themselves content therewith this 13th Day of September 1775 --- Before

To the honourable the Justices of the provincial Court - - - } Wm. Spear, John Moale

And the aforesaid Mark Alexander by his Attorney aforesaid comes and defends the Force and Injury when and so forth 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 3d Day of May Anno Domini 1774 Come again as well the said Christopher Court and Company by their Attorney aforesaid as the said Mark Alexander by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Mark Alexander 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 Day of September Anno Domini 1774 Come again as well the said Christopher Court and Company by their Attorney aforesaid as the said Mark Alexander by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Mark Alexander 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 Anno Domini 1775 being the Eleventh Day of the same Month Come again as well the aforesaid Christopher Court and Company by their Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Mark Alexander by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Mark Alexander by his said Attorney as before defends the Force and Injury when and so forth and saith he did not assume upon himself in manner and Form as the aforesaid Christopher Court and Company as above against him have complained and of this he puts himself upon the Country and so forth.....

Nevertheless the said Mark Alexander by his Attorney aforesaid Relinquishing the Averment above by him pretended saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid of the aforesaid Christopher Court and Company so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that he did assume upon himself in manner and Form as the said Christopher Court and Company above against him have complained nor but that the said Christopher Court and Company have sustained Damages by Occasion of the premisses to the Value of Seven hundred and Ninety six Pounds one Shilling and Six pence Sterling money besides their Costs and Charges by them ~~in this~~ about their Suit in this Behalf laid out and expended Therefore it is considered by the Justices here that the said Christopher Court and Company recover against the said Mark Alexander as well the Sum of Seven hundred and ninety Six Pounds one Shilling and Six pence Sterling money their Damages aforesaid in Form aforesaid confessed as the sum of

Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto them on their Assent adjudged for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in that Behalf laid out and expended, and the said Defendant in Mercy and so forth.

memorandum The Plaintiff agrees to stay Execution till the fifteenth of September next -

Test Geo: Ranken Clk

T.S. James Rufsell against R.A. Richard Cromwell } Command was given to the Sheriff of Baltimore County that he should take Richard Cromwell late of Baltimore County Merchant Otherwise called Richard Cromwell of Baltimore County Merchant if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of his Lordships provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of September then next to answer unto James Rufsell of a Plea that he render unto him the sum of Nineteen hundred and Forty two Pounds nine Shillings and Six Pence Sterling which he owed and unjustly detained and so forth and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail and so forth

And the said James Rufsell by Thomas Johnston his Attorney declared against the said Richard Cromwell in the Plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Baltimore County to wit. Richard Cromwell late of Baltimore County Merchant Otherwise called Richard Cromwell of Baltimore County Merchant was summoned to answer unto James Rufsell of a Plea that he render unto him the sum of Nineteen hundred and Forty two Pounds nine Shillings and Sixpence Sterling which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth and Whereupon the said James Rufsell by Thomas Johnston his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Richard Cromwell on the twenty second Day of June in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Three at Baltimore County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said James Rufsell in the aforesaid Sum of nineteen hundred and Forty two Pounds nine Shillings and six pence Sterling to be paid to him the said James Rufsell when afterwards he should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard Cromwell (~~although~~ although often thereunto required the aforesaid Sum of Nineteen hundred and Forty two Pounds nine Shillings and Six pence Sterling to the said James Rufsell hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the Value of one Thousand Five hundred Pounds Sterling aforesaid and therefore he brings Suit, and so forth: And brings here into Court the Writing Obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Richard Cromwell 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 & Richard Roe

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the Writ which Issued in the Plea aforesaid

At which said second Tuesday of September to wit the 13th Day of the same Month Anno Domini 1774 being the Day of the Return of the aforesaid Writ comes the said James Rufsell by his Attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the same Writ was directed likewise comes and makes Return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed to wit - - - - - - Cepi Nat: left 22nd August 1774 R. Christie Junr. Shff

And the aforesaid Richard Cromwell being called upon appears and at the prayer of the Plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid the said Richard Cromwell is adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid Thereupon the said Richard Cromwell by Robert Alexander his Attorney files in Court here the following Bailpiece to wit

James Rufsell Plaintiff against Richard Cromwell Defendant.

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