Marys County greeting. You are hereby commanded to take Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith late of Saint Marys County yeomen otherwise called Dent Blakistone and John Mason Goldsmith of Saint Marys County if they shall be found in your bailiwick and them safe keep so that you have their bodies before the County Court to be held at Leonard Town in and for Saint Marys County aforesaid on the first Monday of August next to answer unto the State of Maryland in a plea that they render unto her the said State of Maryland the sum of five thousand pounds current money which the said Dent and John M. owe to and unjustly detain from the said State of Maryland and so forth - Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable John Stephen Esquire Chief Judge of the first Judicial District the 24th day of June 1834 - Issued the 11th day of July 1834 -
(W. I. B). Jo. Harris, Clk.

And the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid on the day of prosecuting and suing forth the said writ declared in the Court here against the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit.

Saint Marys County to wit - Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith late of Saint Marys County yeomen otherwise called Dent Blakistone and John Mason Goldsmith of Saint Marys County were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland in a plea that they render unto her the said State of Maryland the sum of five thousand pounds current money which the said Dent and John M. owe to and unjustly detain from the said State of Maryland and so forth. And whereupon the said State of Maryland by William I. Blakistone her attorney saith that whereas the said Dent and John M. on the twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one at the County aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto her the said State of Maryland in the said sum of five thousand pounds current money to be paid to her the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the said Dent and John M. (although often thereunto required) the said sum of five thousand pounds current money to her the said State of Maryland have not nor hath either of them rendered or paid but the same sum of five thousand pounds current money to her the said State of Maryland hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused and still do refuse. Wherefore the said State of Maryland saith she is the worse and hath damage to the value of ten thousand pounds current money and therefore she brings her suit and so forth. And the said State of Maryland brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seals of the said Dent and John M. which testifies the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Wm. I. Blakistone, atty. for State pledges, &c. Jno. Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid

Maryland ss. Know all men by these presents that we Dent Blakistone James Goldsmith and John Mason Goldsmith of Saint Marys County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of five thousand pounds current money to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and every of us, our and every of our heirs executors and administrators in the whole and for the whole jointly and severally firmly by the presents sealed with our seals and dated this twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Dent Blakistone as guardian to Ferdinand Blakistone of Saint Marys County shall faithfully account with the orphans Court of Saint Marys County as directed by law for the management of the property and estate of the orphan under his care and shall also deliver up the said property agreeably to the order of the said Court or the directions of law and shall in all respects perform the duty of guardian to the said Dent Blakistone

according to law then the above obligation shall cease it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in law -

Dent Blakistone (seal)
James Goldsmith (seal)
John M. Goldsmith (seal)

signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
Jos. F. Johnson -

In testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy taken from one of the record books of the orphans Court for Saint Marys County I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this 9th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four - (seal) C. I. Millard, Register of Wills for Saint Marys County -

Copies of which said declaration and oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid with the said writ thereon indorsed to be served on the defendants with the writ or left at their place of abode ten days at least before the return of the said writ for plea or Judgment the first Court - At which mentioned first Monday of August being the fourth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and the day of the return of the foregoing writ comes into the County Court here the said State of Maryland by William I. Blakistone her attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Saint Marys County aforesaid to wit George H. Morgan gentleman to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit "Kept in time ambos" Geo. H. Morgan, Shff.

And the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith being called appear in Court here by Gerard N. Leaven their attorney and thereupon the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prays that the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith may answer to the declaration of her the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid. whereupon it is ruled by the Court here that the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith answer to the declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid and if the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith do not answer to the declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid Judgment will be rendered against them by default, and the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith by their said attorney defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray leave of the Court here to imparle until the first Monday of March next to answer to the declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid and they have it the same day is given to the said State of Maryland then and so forth - At which said first Monday of March being the second day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five until which day the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid come again into the County Court here as well the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid as the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith by their attorney aforesaid and the said Dent Blakistone and John M. Goldsmith by their said attorney as before defend the force and injury when and so forth and crave oyer of the writing obligatory and the condition thereof and they have them in these words to wit.

Maryland set. Know all men by these presents that we Dent Blakistone James Goldsmith and John Mason Goldsmith of Saint Marys County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of five thousand pounds current money, to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our heirs executors and administrators in the whole and for the whole jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Dent Blakistone as guardian to Ferdinand Blakistone of Saint Marys County shall faithfully account with the orphans Court of Saint Marys