This Indenture made this 23d day of October in the year eighteen hundred and forty four between Zachariah Dent of Charles County and State of Maryland of the one part and George T Richards of the said County and State of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Zachariah Dent for in and consideration of the sum of five dollars current money to him the said Z. Dent in hand paid by the said George T Richards at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which the said Zachariah Dent doth hereby acknowledge, hath given granted bargained and sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed unto the said George T Richards all the property of which the said Zachariah Dent is now possessed both real personal and mixed of every kind and description whatever, To Have and To Hold the said property to him the said George T Richards — In trust nevertheless for the benefit of the creditors of the said Zachariah Dent and for their use and behoof — In Testimony whereof the said Zachariah Dent has hereunto set hand and seal on the day and year above written — Zachariah Dent, (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of L. T Robey — Wm. H. Dent —

State of Maryland Charles County to wit — Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this 23d day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five before the subscribers two Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Charles County aforesaid personally appears Zachariah Dent he being known to us to be the person who is named and described as and professing to be a party to the foregoing deed or Indenture and doth acknowledge the said Indenture or Instrument of writing to be his act and deed — In Testimony whereof we hereunto subscribed our names on the day and year aforesaid —

L. T Robey — Wm. H. Dent —

Charles County Court August Term 1844 —

Ordered by the Court that the creditors of Zachariah Dent a petitioner for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws of Maryland be and appear before Charles County Court on the third Monday of March next and show cause if any they have why the said Dent shall not have the benefit of said laws Provided a copy of this order be inserted in the Port Tobacco Times a newspaper published in Port Tobacco Charles County once a week for two months before said third Monday of March next — Edmund Key —

To the Hon. Judges of Chas. Co. the Petition of Zachariah Dent humbly shews that his notice in the case of his Petition for his discharge has not been published as ordered the Clerk not having inserted it and prays the passage of a new order for publication and that he may be released from his attendance upon Court until next Court —

A. S. Reeder atty for Pet. —

Upon the above application it is ordered that the order of publication heretofore passed in this case be and the same is hereby extended to the first Monday of August Term 1845 — Edmund Key —

Chas. Co. Court March Term 1845 — Upon further leave for publication it is ordered by the Court that the creditors of Zachariah Dent a petitioner for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws of Md. be and appear before Chas. Co. Court on the third Monday of August next and show cause if any

they have why the said Zachariah Dent shall not have benefit of said laws Provided a copy of this order be inserted in the Port Tobacco Times a paper published in Port Tobacco once a week for two months before the said third Monday of August next —

27th March 1845 — Clement Dorsey —

State of Maryland Chas. Coty Set. —

In Testimony that the aforegoing papers are truly copied from the original files in my office —

I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Charles County Court this 4th day of June Anno Domini 1845 —

(Seal) W. Mitchell Clk Charles County Court —

No. 3 —

John M Latimer, Thomas Bling adm. of Thomas H Bling, vs. George T Richards, Zachariah Dent and Ben Simpson

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four the said John M Latimer and Thomas Bling adm. of Thomas H Bling as aforesaid by George Brent their attorney presented and prefered out of the County Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in the words following to wit Charles County to wit, The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Charles County Greeting, We command you that you take George T Richards, Zachariah Dent and Ben Simpson late of Charles County yeoman if they shall be found in your bailiwick and them safe keep so that you have their bodies before the Judges of the next County Court to be held at Port Tobacco in and for Charles County aforesaid on the third Monday in March next to answer unto John M Latimer and Thomas Bling administrators of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Thomas H Bling dec. in a plea that they render unto them the sum of four hundred and seventy five dollars which from them they unjustly detain and prefer the Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ — Witness the Hon. Wm. B Stone Chief Judge of the first Judicial District of Maryland the 29th day of November A. D. 1844, Issued the 30th day of December 1844 — G. B. W. Mitchell Clk. —

And the said plaintiffs by their attorney aforesaid on the day of prosecuting and suing for the said suit declared in the Court here against the said Defendants in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit —

State of Maryland Charles County Set — George T Richards, Zachariah Dent and Ben Simpson late of Charles County yeomen were summoned to answer unto John M Latimer and Thomas H Bling adm. of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Thomas H Bling dec. in a plea that they render unto them the full and just sum of four hundred and seventy five dollars current money which to them they owe and from them they unjustly detain and prefer — And whereupon the said plaintiffs by George Brent their attorney say that whereas the said Defendants on the 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four at the County aforesaid made their certain bill obligatory in writing sealed with the seal of the said Defendants and by them signed the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid