day & year aforesaid and soforth.

George Brent Atty for Plff } John Doe & Richd Roe } Pledges

Oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid towit:

"Know all men by these presents that we Leonard Coomes William P Ford and Richard Gardiner of Charles County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of three thousand Dollars lawfull money of the United States to be paid to the said State of Maryland or to the said States certain Attorney to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us, our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 22d day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, Whereas the aforesaid Leonard Coomes one of the representatives of Richard Coomes late of the County aforesaid, deceased did at the present November Term of Charles County Court Elect to take all the real Estate of the said Richard Coomes deceased at the valuation of the Commissioners appointed by the Court to value and divide the said real estate, which said real Estate is called and known by the name of Two Partners Resurveyed Part of The Meadows and Part of the Gore Ging and being in the County aforesaid, and containing one hundred and seventy eight acres and three roods of land, which said real Estate was valued by the Commissioners at the sum of seven dollars per acre amounting to the sum of $1251.25 The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Leonard Coomes his heirs Executors and administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to such of the heirs and such of the representatives of the said Richard Coomes Deceased as may be Entitled by Law to receive the same, their several just proportions of the aforesaid sum of one thousand two hundred and fifty one Dollars and twenty five cents current money with legal interest thereon from the date hereof on or before the twenty second day of November next then the above obligation to be void else to be and remain in full force and vertue in Law

signed sealed & delivered in the presence of William Thompson } Leonard Coomes (Seal) William P Ford (Seal) Richard Gardiner (Seal)

State of Maryland Charles County towit:

I hereby Certify that the aforegoing is truly Copied from the record of proceedings of Charles County Court. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Charles County Court this 9th day of August Anno Domini 1844. (Seal)

John Barnes Clk of Charles County Court.

Copies of which said declaration and Oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid with the said writ.

At which mentioned third monday of August being the 16th day of the Same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one and the return day of the aforegoing writ Comes into the County Court here the said State of Maryland by its attorney

aforesaid, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, towit Edward R Wheeler Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed towit: "now Est Leonard & Richard Gardiner E R Wheeler Sheriff" And the said Edward R Wheeler Sheriff of the County aforesaid, altho solemnly called upon by Order of Court here on motion of the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid to bring into Court here the body of the said Richd Gardiner whom he ought to have here this day in pursuance of the Command of the writ aforesaid & according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, brings not into Court here the said Richard Gardiner but thereon doth make default. Whereupon on motion of the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Edward R Wheeler Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid be amerced to the said sum of three thousand Dollars the debt aforesaid in the declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid, and the costs and charges that have accrued or may accrue in the plea aforesaid in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said Richard Gardiner on or before on or before the second day of the next Term of the Court here to be held on the third monday of March next the same day is given to the said State of Maryland then and there &c.

At which said next Term towit: the said third monday of March and also on the second day of the said Term being the second day of the said month Comes again into the County Court here the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid and the said Edward R Wheeler Sheriff of the County aforesaid in pursuance of the Command of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid and in Compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid, and to save the amercement aforesaid, brings into Court here the body of the said Richard Gardiner. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the rule amercement aforesaid be discharged and stricken out. And thereupon the said State of Maryland by its aforesaid Attorney prays that the said Richard Gardiner may answer to the declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid, and if the said Richard Gardiner doth not answer to the said declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid judgment will be rendered against him by default,

And the said Richard Gardiner by William B Stone his Attorney defend the wrong and injury when and soforth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the third monday of August next to answer to the declaration of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid and he hath it the same day is given to the said State of Maryland then and soforth. At which mentioned third monday of August being the fifteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two, until which said day the said Richard Gardiner had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, Comes again into the County Court here as well the said State of Maryland as the said Richard Gardiner by their Attornies aforesaid.

And thereupon the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid prays further that the said Richard Gardiner may answer to