Bond to wit. — Know all Men by these presents that We John Watson and Robert Peter of Frederick County are held and firmly bound unto Carlton Bell in the full and just sum of Four hundred and thirty five pounds common Money to be paid unto the said Carlton Bell his certain Attorney Executors Administrators and Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this twentieth day of March Anno Domini 1771 Whereas the said Carlton Bell hath issued out of the High Court of Chancery a Writ of Replevin directed to the Sheriff of Frederick County commanding him to replevy certain Negroes called Will Hannah and Ephraim Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound John Watson shall and do return the said Negroes to the aforesaid Carlton Bell if the Property thereof shall be adjudged to be in him on the Trial of the Issue on the said Replevin then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Adam Stewart. Arthur Charlton.

John Watson (Seal)
Robert Peter (Seal)

And thereupon by order of the Justices of the said Court the Negroes aforesaid were redelivered to the said John Watson in his Possession to remain and be until the Plea and Matters aforesaid were heard and determined And now this day to wit the third Tuesday and nineteenth day of March in the twentieth Year of his Lordships Dominion &c. the said John Watson by Samuel Chase his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth and prays licence thereof to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Carlton Bell At which next County Court to wit the third Tuesday in June come again the Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further licence to Imparle hereunto until the third Tuesday in August and he hath it and the same day is given the said Carlton Bell. At which said next County Court to wit the third Tuesday in August come again the parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further licence to Imparle hereunto until the third Tuesday in November and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Carlton Bell At which next County Court to wit the third Tuesday in November come again the Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further licence to imparle hereunto until the third Tuesday in March and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Carlton Bell. At which day to wit the third Tuesday and seventeenth day of March in the twentieth Year of his Lordship's Dominion &c. come again the said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said John Watson by his Attorney aforesaid produces the following Writ of Certiorari.

(Seal) Maryland ss. Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Justices and Clerk of Frederick County Greeting We being willing for certain causes to be certified of the Record and

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proceedings of a certain Action before you depending between Carlton Bell Plaintiff and John Watson Defendant of a plea of Replevin We command you that the Record and Proceedings in the Action aforesaid with all things thereunto relating as far as before you it remains by whatsoever names the parties in the same are distinguished to our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of April next under your hands and Seals you send together with this Writ that our same Justices may further do therein that which of right they see ought to be done Witness John Leeds Esq. one of the Justices of our Provincial Court the 1st day of October in the 21st Year of our Dominion and so forth Annoque Domini 1771.

Issued the 25th day of Feb. 1772. (S. Chase) Alphesolin Cl.

Allowed per Dan. of St Tho. Jenifer.

Which is approved of by the Court and ordered that all things relating thereto be transmitted accordingly.

Frederick County ss. I hereby Certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the proceedings. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Public Seal of the said County this 16th day of April Annoque Domini 1772. (Seal) Tho. Sprigg Clk Fred. Coty Court.

And now here at this day to wit the 14th day of April Anno Domini 1772 comes into his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the said Carlton Bell by his Attorney aforesaid as the said John Watson of his Attorney aforesaid and the said Carlton Bell by his said Attorney declares against the aforesaid John Watson in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit. Maryland Frederick County ss. John Watson late of Frederick County was summoned to Answer unto Carlton Bell of a plea wherefore he took one Negroe named Billy one Negroe Wench named Hannah and one Negroe Boy named Ephraim the proper Negroes of him the said Carlton and them unjustly detains against Sureties and pledges &c. And whereupon the same Carlton by Thomas Jennings his Attorney complains that the said John on the Day of in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and at Frederick County aforesaid in a certain place there called the Plantation took the said Negroes of him the said Carlton and unjustly detained them against Sureties and pledges until &c. whereby the same Carlton says that he is prejudiced and hath Damage to the Value of five hundred pounds Sterling and therefore he brings suit &c.

Thos. Jennings for the Plaintiff Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe

And the aforesaid John Watson by his Attorney aforesaid comes and Defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the Eighth day of September Anno Domini 1772 come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant 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 Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the 13th day of April Anno Domini 1773 come again the said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant 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 Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the 14th day of September Anno Domini 1773 come

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