acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fourth day of October Anno Domini 1774.
Acknowledged before us Thos. Price. William Beatty
To the Honble the Justices of the Provincial Court.
We desire you to appear falls in the above Action. To Mess.rs Thomas Jennings Sam.l Chase
And the said Stephen West declared against the said John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior in the Plea aforesaid as follows to wit. Maryland Frederick County to wit John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior late of Frederick County Planters otherwise called John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior all of Frederick County were summoned to answer unto Stephen West Executor of the Testament and last Will of William Hall lately deceased in a plea that they render unto him the sum of one thousand pounds Sterling Money which from him they unjustly detain and so forth. And whereupon the said Stephen West by Thomas Johnson Junior his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior together with a certain Thomas Beatty Senior who died before the Impetration of the original Writ in this Cause did on the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six by their certain Writing Obligatory at Frederick County aforesaid acknowledge themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said William Hall in his lifetime in the aforesaid sum of one thousand pounds Sterling to be paid unto him the said William Hall when afterwards they should be thereunto required Nevertheless neither the aforesaid John Meddagh Henry Cock Thomas Beatty Junior and Thomas Beatty Senior in the life time of the said Thomas Beatty Senior nor the aforesaid John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior since the Death of the said Thomas Beatty Senior the aforesaid sum of One thousand pounds Sterling Money to the aforesaid William Hall in his life time or to the said Stephen West after the death of him the said William Hall (altho often thereunto required) have rendered or paid but the same to him the said William Hall in his lifetime or to the said Stephen West after the death of the said William Hall to render or pay they have refused and the same or any part thereof to him the said Stephen West to render or pay the said John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior still do refuse and unjustly detain Wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the Value of One thousand pounds Sterling Money aforesaid and therefore he brings Suit and so forth And the said Stephen West brings here into Court as well the Writing Obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the Seals of the aforesaid John Meddagh Henry Cock Thomas Beatty Junior and Thomas Beatty Senior whom the said John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior have survived, whose date is the day and Year aforesaid which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth as the Letters

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Testamentary to the aforesaid Stephen West in form aforesaid whereby it sufficiently appears to the Court here that the aforesaid Stephen is Executor of the Testament aforesaid and thereof hath Administration and so forth. Thos. Johnson Junior for the Plaintiff Pledges and so forth { John Doe / Richard Roe.

And the aforesaid John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior by their Attornies also come and defend the force and Injury when and so forth and pray an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and it is read unto them in the Words following to wit – Know all Men by these presents that We Thomas Beatty Senior John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior all of Frederick County are held and firmly bound unto William Hall of Elk Ridge in Ann Arundel County Merchant in the full and just sum of One thousand pounds Sterling Money to be paid to the said William Hall his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind our selves 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 first day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty six. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bound Thomas Beatty Senior John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said William Hall his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of five hundred pounds Sterling Money as aforesaid with legal Interest for the same then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law? Which being read and heard the said John Meddagh Henry Cock and Thomas Beatty Junior by their Attornies aforesaid come and pray leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the day of April Anno Domini 1775 come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid and the said Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the day of September Anno Domini 1775 come again the said Parties plaintiff and Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid and the said Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the day of April Anno Dom.i 1776 come again the said parties plaintiff and Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid and the said Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the day of September Anno Domini 1776 come again the said Parties plaintiff and Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid and the aforesaid John Henry and Thomas by their Attornies aforesaid say that the aforesaid Stephen his Action aforesaid against them to have or maintain ought not because they say that before the

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