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Acknowledged before Us the subscribers two of the Justices for &c. Baltimore County. To the Honorable the Justices of the Provincial Court.

Wm. Young. Jno. Paca.

And the said Thomas Sheredine by Richard Chase his Attorney comes and Defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays a hearing of the original Writ aforesaid and it is read unto him in these words following to wit.

Maryland ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting We command you that you take Thomas Sheredine late of Baltimore County Planter otherwise called Thomas Sheredine of Baltimore County in the province of Maryland Gentleman and him safe keep so that you have his Body before the Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next to Answer unto George Atkinson and James Slemaker Executors of the Testament and last Will of Christopher Grindall late of Baltimore County Mariner deceased of a Plea that he render unto them the sum of Four hundred and thirty six pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence sterling Money which from them he unjustly detains &c. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness Benjamin Young Esquire Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 27th day of May in the 35th Year of our Dominion &c. Annoq Domini 1749.

R. Burdus Clk

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Which being read and heard he prays also a hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and it is Read unto him in these words Viz.

He also prays a hearing of the Letters Testamentary aforesaid and they are read unto him in these words Viz.

Maryland ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting in our Lord God everlasting Know Ye that upon the eighteenth day of May Anno Dom. 1749 before the Honorable Daniel Dulany Esquire our Commissary General and Judge for Probate of Wills and granting Administrations the last Will and Testament of Christopher Grindall late of London deceased was before our said Judge at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County in Common form proved approved and exhibited a Copy of which is to these presents annexed and Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased which in any manner of way concern him or his said Testament was granted and Committed unto George Atkinson of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County and James Slemaker of Baltimore County Merchants they having first taken their Oath well and truly to administer the said Goods Chattels and Credits according to the Tenor of the said Testament and according to Law and to make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits which were of the deceased at the time of his Death together with a list of the Debts Sperate and desperate which have or may or shall come to their

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hands possession or knowledge appraised in Money and also a just and true Account of and upon their Administration therein touching which Inventory they are presently assigned to perform or at furthest at or before the fifteenth day of September now next ensuing and an Account within twelve Months from the date of these presents Given at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County under the Seal of our Office for Probate of Wills &c. this fifteenth day of June in the Thirty fifth Year of our Dominion &c. Annoq Domini 1749.

{Seal}

D. Dulany Com.

Which being read and heard the said Thomas Sheredine by his Attorney aforesaid prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court to wit the 10th day of April Anno Domini 1750 comes again as well the said George Atkinson by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Thomas Sheredine by his Attorney aforesaid And the said George Atkinson by his said Attorney Suggests to the Court here the Death of the said James Slemaker one of the Executors and plaintiffs aforesaid, since the Imparlance aforesaid Thereupon the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid 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 11th day of September Anno Domini 1750 comes again as well the said George Atkinson surviving Executor as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Thomas Sheredine by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Thomas Sheredine by his said Attorney as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that he ought not to be charged with the Debt aforesaid by virtue of the Writing aforesaid because he saith that that Writing is not his Deed and of this he puts himself upon the Country and the plaintiff also. Nevertheless the said Thomas Sheredine by his Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the Averment above by him pretended the same Attorney of the said Thomas Sheredine saith that he is not informed by the same Thomas Sheredine of any Answer of the same Thomas Sheredine to the aforesaid George Atkinson surviving Executor as aforesaid in the plaint aforesaid to be given and nothing else thereof saith by which the same Plaintiff remains against the same Defendant thereof undefended. Therefore it is considered by the Justices here that the said George Atkinson surviving Executor as aforesaid recover against the said Thomas Sheredine as well the aforesaid Sum of Four hundred and thirty six pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence sterling Money his Debt aforesaid as also the Sum of Six hundred and sixty two a quarter and three fifths pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his assent adjudged as well for his Damages sustained by occasion of detaining that Debt as for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended. And the said Defendant in Mercy &c.

Memd. The plaintiff agrees to stay Execution on the above Judgment two Months.

Test.

R. Burdus Clk.

In Testimony