Wells and William Goodwin of Baltimore County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto James McMullin and John Nicholson in the full and just sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds Current Money, to be paid to the said James McMullin and John Nicholson their certain Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and Dated this Second Day of August 1788 — Whereas the above bound Charles Wells is about to sue out of the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland a Writ of Replevin to be directed to the Sheriff of Baltimore County, Commanding him to replevy the Ship Independence her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, the property of him the said Charles Wells as he saith and now unjustly detained by them the said James McMullin and John Nicholson — Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bound Charles Wells, do and shall well and truly prosecute the said Writ of Replevin with effect; and also shall and will return the said Ship Independence her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture if the same shall be adjudged, and shall in all things stand to, abide by, perform and fulfil the Judgment of the Court in the premises: Then the above Obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full force and Virtue in Law —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of
Samuel Hoale
R. Ridgely

Chas. Wells (Seal)
John Wells (Seal)
Wm Goodwin (Seal)

Which being read and heard, and the Securities thereof, by the Court being approved — Thereupon afterwards, to wit, on the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, the said Charles Wells by his Attorney aforesaid, sued out of the General Court the State of Maryland's Writ of Replevin, directed to the Sheriff of Baltimore County in the words and figures, following, to wit —

The State of Maryland Ss. To the Sheriff of Baltimore County, Greeting. Whereas Charles Wells hath come into our General Court and found sufficient Sureties as well for his clamans to prosecute, as for one Ship called the Independence with her Tackle, apparel and Furniture which James McMullin and John Nicholson of Baltimore County aforesaid hath taken and unjustly detains against Sureties and pledges as it is said, to be returned if the return thereof shall be adjudged — We therefore command you that



the Ship above mentioned with her Tackle, apparel and Furniture to the aforesaid Charles Wells be replevied and delivered, you cause, and that you put by Sureties and safe pledges, the said James McMullin and John Nicholson that they be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the Second Tuesday of October next, to answer unto the aforesaid Charles Wells of a plea of taking and unjustly detaining the Ship with the Tackle Apparel and Furniture aforesaid — And how you shall Execute this Writ, that you make known unto the Judges of our said Court, at the day and place aforesaid, and have you then and there this Writ — Witness the Honble Robert Hanson Harrison Esq. Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of June Anno Dominii 1788 —

Issued the 5th day of Augt 1788 — (RR) Jno Gwinn Cl.

— On the Back of the aforegoing Writ was thus endorsed, to wit —

Received 12 August 1788 of Philip Graybell Sheriff of Baltimore County the within Mentioned Ship Independence as Described in the within Writ of Replevin —

Chas Wells —

At which mentioned Second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same Month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Charles Wells by his Attorney aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to wit, Philip Graybell Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit —

Replevied and Delivered as ye Schedule — Philip Graybell Shff.

To which aforegoing return was annexed the following Schedule, to wit —

A Schedule of the Goods and Chattels of James Mullin and John Nicholson seized and taken at suit of Charles Wells by Virtue of a Writ of Replevin and appraised by us the Subscribers who were duly summoned and Sworn — Given under our hands and Seals this 11th day of August 1788. To wit —

One Ship called the Independence with the Tackle, apparel and Furniture — £ 2200 —

Bullington Dickerson (Seal) William Jacob (Seal)
John Steele (Seal) Joseph Biays (Seal)

Test. John Gwinn Clerk —