Charles and to the Court here shewn whose date is on the day and year aforesaid acknowledge himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John Hodge in the sum of seventeen hundred and six pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence to be paid to the said John when he the said Charles should afterwards be thereunto requested, Nevertheless the said Charles although often afterwards thereunto requested the said sum of seventeen hundred and six pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence to the said John hath not paid but the same to him to pay the said Charles hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said John one thousand pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he bringeth suit and so forth.

Zeb. Hollingsworth, Pledge to prosecute John Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of the Bond, Know all Men by these presents that I Charles Walker of Baltimore County am held and firmly bound unto John Hodge in the full and just sum of seventeen hundred and six pounds eighteen Shill. & 10. to be paid to the said John Hodge his certain Attorney executors administrators or assigns, To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this fifth day of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Charles Walker do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Hodge his certain Attorney executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of eight hundred and fifty three pounds nine shillings and five pence at or upon next ensuing the date here of with legal Interest for the same then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Vertue in law.

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of John Cradock, Charles Walker (Seal).

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and oyer was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid, And now here at this day to wit that is to say the said second tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty seven and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes the aforesaid John Hodge by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the same writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

Cepi, Copy left the 13th day of August. Philip Graybell Shff

And the said Charles Walker being called upon appears and at the prayer of the said John Hodge by his Attorney aforesaid the said Charles Walker is adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid, Whereupon the said Charles Walker by Samuel Chase his Attorney files in Court here the following Bail piece to wit

You Samuel Owings and William Winchester jointly and severally Acknowledge yourselves special Bail for Charles Walker at the suit of John Hodge in an Action of Debt brought by the said John Hodge against the said Charles Walker in the General Court for the Western Shore to be held at City of Annapolis the second tuesday in October next they Acknowledge themselves content therewith this 8th day of October seventeen hundred and eighty seven.

Acknowledged before. Thos. Russell, Lyde Goodwin.

I Charles Walker impower authorise and appoint Samuel Chase Esquire to appear for

for me in the above action, Given under my hand and this 8th day of October seventeen hundred and eighty seven, Witness Thos. Russell. Charles Walker (Seal)

And the aforesaid Charles Walker by Samuel Chase his said Attorney defends the force and injury when and so forth, 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 thirteenth day of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the aforesaid John Hodge by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Charles Walker by his Attorney aforesaid, And the said Charles Walker 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 fourteenth day of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the said John Hodge by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Charles Walker by his Attorney aforesaid, And the said Charles Walker by his Attorney aforesaid saith that the said John Hodge his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c because he saith that he the said Charles Walker did pay unto the said John Hodge the said sum of money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said writing obligatory and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said John Hodge his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c

And the said John Hodge saith that he by any thing by the said Charles Walker above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he says that he the said Charles Walker hath not paid unto him the said John Hodge the said sum of money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the said Condition as he the said Charles Walker above hath alledged and this he prays may be inquired of by the Country and the aforesaid Charles Walker in like manner &c. Whereupon this cause standing ready for trial command is given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he cause to come before the Judges of our General Court here on the second tuesday of May next twelve &c by whom &c and who neither &c to recognize &c, because as well &c the same day is given to the said parties then and there &c. At which said second tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine comes again as well the said John Hodge by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Charles Walker by his Attorney aforesaid, Nevertheless the said Charles Walker by his Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment above by him pretended say that he cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the aforesaid John Hodge so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that he owes to the aforesaid John Hodge the aforesaid sum of seventeen hundred and six pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence current money in manner and form aforesaid as the af.d John Hodge above against him hath declared. Therefore it is considered by the Judges here that the said John Hodge recover against the said Charles Walker as well the sum of seventeen hundred and six pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as also the sum of seven hundred and thirty one pounds and

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