Recorder, Alderman & Common Council the full and just sum of three hundred & fifty pounds current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of June Anno domini 1788.

Issued the 18th day of September 1788. (G Duvall) Jno. Green Clk.

And the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the city of Annapolis by their attorney aforesaid, declare against the said Alexander Truman in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit.

Western Shore of Maryland S.t Alexander Truman late of Prince Georges county Gentleman, otherwise called Alexander Truman was summoned to answer unto the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen & Common Council of the city of Annapolis of a plea that he render unto the said Mayor, Recorder Aldermen & Common Council the full and just sum of three hundred & fifty pounds current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Mayor, Recorder, Alderman & Common Council by Gabriel Duvall their attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Alexander on the twenty second day of september in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty five at Ann Arundel county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid Mayor Recorder, Aldermen & Common Council in the aforesaid sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money to be paid to the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen & Common Council when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Alexander (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of money to the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council hath not rendered a paid, but the same to them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still do refuse, wherefore they say they are the worse and have damage to the value of three hundred pounds current money, and therefore they bring suit and so forth and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Alexander, which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid Witnesseth, the date whereof, is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Pledges and so forth { John Doe & Richard Roe.

G. Duvall for the Plaintiff.

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid, and the condition thereof follow, in these words to wit.

Know all Men by these presents that we Alexander Truman and Allen Quynn of the city of Annapolis Gentlemen are held and firmly bound unto the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and common council of the said city of Annapolis, and their successors in the full and just sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money to be paid unto the said Mayor, Recorder, Alderman and Common council their certain attorney successors or assigns; To the which payment well and truly to be made

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and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly, and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Alexander Truman do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Mayor Recorder, Aldermen & Common Council their certain attorney successors or assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds current money, on or before the 20th day of September next with legal interest thereon, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of the word successors being first twice interlined } Signed Alex.r Truman (Seal) Allen Quynn (Seal)

Signed, Robt. Couden.

A copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Bond was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which said second tuesday in October to wit, the fourteenth day of the same month anno domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into our General Court here the said Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen and Common Council of the city of Annapolis by their attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Prince Georges county, to wit, Nicholas Blackloch to whom the said writ was directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, that the said Alexander Truman is not to be found in his bailiwick: Yet the said Alexander Truman by Joshua Dorsey his attorney voluntarily comes into Court here, and defends the force and injury when &c. And at the prayer of the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and common council of the city of Annapolis by their attorney aforesaid, the said Alexander Truman is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid. Whereupon a certain George Dent of John of Charles county, present in Court here, in his proper person, and undertakes for the said Alexander Truman, that in case the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the city of Annapolis shall recover Judgment against the said Alexander Truman in the plea aforesaid, or that the said Alexander Truman shall be legally convict therein, that then the said Alexander Truman shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereon or render his body to the custody of the sheriff of Prince Georges county in satisfaction thereof or that he the said George Dent will do the same for him; And the said Alexander Truman by his attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday in May next, and to him it is granted, and the same day is given to the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the city of Annapolis also.

At which said second tuesday in May to wit, the twelfth day of the same month anno domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, come again into our General Court here, as well the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the city of Annapolis by their attorney aforesaid, as the said Alexander Truman by his Attorney aforesaid. And the said Alexander Truman by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when &c. and saith, that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the city of Annapolis, in as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and

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