ducted to the Justices and Sheriff of Harford County in the Words and figures following, towit

The State of Maryland Sct. To the Sheriff of Harford County Greeting. We command you that you take Josiah Carter Executor of David Benfield late of Harford County if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his Body 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 William Clarke of a plea of Covenant and so forth hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esqr Chief Judge of our said Court the 19th day of June Anno Domini 1786.

Issued 21st June 1786. L. Martin. Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk

At which said second tuesday of October being the tenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty six and the day of the return of the said Writ comes the aforesaid William Clarke by Luther Martin his Attorney aforesaid And the Sheriff of Harford County to whom the said Writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed towit.

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And the said Josiah Carter Executor aforesaid by Aquila Hall his Attorney comes and 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 towit the eighth day of May Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and eighty seven comes again as well the said William Clarke by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Josiah Carter Executor aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Josiah Carter Executor 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 towit the Ninth day of October Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and eighty seven comes again as well the said William Clarke by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Josiah Carter Executor aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Josiah Carter Executor aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court towit the thirteenth day of May Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the aforesaid William Clarke by his Attorney aforesaid as the

aforesaid Josiah Carter Executor aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid and the aforesaid William Clarke by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the aforesaid Josiah Carter Executor aforesaid in the plea aforesaid as follows towit.

Maryland Sct. Harford County towit. Josiah Carter Executor of David Benfield late of Harford County was summoned to answer unto William Clarke of a plea of Covenant and so forth And thereupon the said William Clarke by Luther Martin his Attorney complains that whereas by a certain Indenture made at Harford County on the fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four between him the said William Clarke by the name of William Clarke of the City of London Mariner of the one part and the said David in his life time by the name of David Benfield of Harford County in the province of Maryland Surgeon of the other part of which said Indenture sealed with the Seal of the said David the same William produces here in Court the date whereof is the same day and Year he the said William for and in consideration of the rents and covenants in the said Indenture after reserved and mentioned on the Lessees part to be paid and performed had demised granted and to farm let to the said David a part of a certain Tract of Land called and distinguished by the name of Charles Neighbour situate in the said County containing four hundred and thirty Acres of Land by estimation which said part then was belonging to the said William to have and to hold the said demised parcel of Land to the said David his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the full time and term of seven Years fully to be completed and ended from the thirty first day of August in the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy four Yielding and paying therefore yearly and every year during the said term of Seven Years the yearly Rent or Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money of Pennsylvania to the said William his Executors or Administrators on the thirty first day of August yearly during the said term And the said David for himself his Executors and Administrators did Covenant promise and grant to and with the said William his Executors and Administrators by the said Indenture in manner and form following that is to say that he the said David his Executors and Administrators yearly and every year during the said term would well and truly pay or cause

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