We command you that you take Archabald Johnson late of Charles County planter otherwise called Archibald Johnson of Charles County and Province of Maryland planter 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 here to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next to answer unto James Gordon, Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram, in a plea that he render unto them the sum of Three hundred and twenty two pounds thirteen Shillings and six pence 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 Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 19th day of November Anno Domini 1787.

Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk.

Issued the 4th day of March 1788. (R. Potts)

And the aforesaid James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram by their Attorney aforesaid declared against the aforesaid Archabald Johnson in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit.

Western Shore of Maryland and Charles County to wit. Archibald Johnson late of Charles County planter was summoned to answer unto James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell Senior, John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram by Richard Potts their Attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Archibald Johnson on the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy four at Charles County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram and one John Glassford now deceased in the lifetime of the said John Glassford (whom the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram have survived) by the names of John Glassford and Company in the sum of three hundred and twenty two pounds thirteen Shillings and six pence Common Currency to be paid to them the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low William Ingram and John Glassford by the names of John Glassford and Company when afterwards he should be thereunto required and the said plaintiffs in fact say that the said sum of Three hundred and twenty two pounds thirteen Shillings and six pence common Currency was on the day of the date of the said Writing Obligatory always since hath been and now is of the value of the like sum of Current Money of Maryland to wit at Charles County aforesaid. Nevertheless

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the said Archibald although often thereunto required hath not rendered or paid the said sum of Three hundred and twenty two pounds thirteen Shillings and six pence common Currency or any part thereof or of the value thereof to the said James Gordon Henry Riddle John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low William Ingram and John Glassford or either of them in the life time of the said John Glassford nor hath he the said Archabald rendered or paid the said sum of Money or any part thereof or the value thereof to the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram or either of them since the decease of the said John Glassford (whom they the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram have survived) but the said sum of common Money or the value thereof or any part thereof or of the value thereof to the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low William Ingram and John Glassford or either of them in the lifetime of the said John Glassford and since his decease to the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram to render or pay he the said Archabald hitherto hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore they the said James Gordon Henry Riddell John Campbell Senior John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram say they are the worse and have damages 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 Archabald Johnson which the date aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and Year aforesaid and so forth.

R. Potts for the plaintiffs. pledges and so forth John Doe & Richard Roe.

And the said Archabald by his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath it as follows to wit.

Know all Men by these presents that I Archabald Johnson of Charles County and Province of Maryland planter am held and firmly bound unto John Glassford and Company for dealings at their Store in Port Tobacco in the full and just sum of Three hundred and twenty two pounds thirteen Shillings and six pence Common Currency to be paid unto the said John Glassford and Company their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns. To the 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 eleventh day of June Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and seventy four.

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