aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory sealed with the Seal of the said James and now unto the Court here shewn whose date is the day and Year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John Augustine in the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty four pounds one shilling and six pence Current Money of Maryland to be paid unto the said John Augustine when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the said James although often thereunto required the said sum of Money to the said John Augustine hath not contented or paid but the same to pay he the said James hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said John Augustine in the sum of Two thousand pounds Current Money aforesaid and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

Zeb. Hollingsworth for Plff. pledges Vz. John Den, Richard Fen.

Oyer of the Bond and Condition thereof follows to wit

Maryland Ss. Know all Men by these presents that we William Spear and James Sterett are held and firmly bound unto John Augustine Washington Acting Executor of Augt. Washington decd. in the full and just sum of Fourteen hundred and fifty four pounds one shilling and six pence Gold Currency to be paid to the said John Augt. Washington Vz. to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this seventh day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty three

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound William Spear and James Sterett do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid John Augt. Washington Vz. the sum of Two hundred and forty two pounds six shillings and eleven pence on or before the seventh day of October seventeen hundred and eighty four and the further sum of Two hundred and forty two pounds six shillings and eleven pence on or before the seventh day of October seventeen hundred and eighty five and the further sum of Two hundred and forty two pounds six shillings and eleven pence on or before the seventh day of October seventeen hundred and eighty six in Gold or Silver agreeable to the legal rates 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 — Wm. Spear (Seal), Ja. Sterett (Seal)

Clem. Brooke, W. F. Brazier

A Copy of which aforegoing declaration and Oyer was made and sent with the Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid—

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At which said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes the aforesaid John Augustine Washington 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 5 Sept. Philip Graybill Sheriff

And the aforesaid James Sterett being called upon appears and at the prayer of the the aforesaid John Augustine Washington by his Attorney aforesaid the said James Sterett is adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid Whereupon the said James Sterett by Robert Smith his Attorney files in Court here the following bail piece to wit.

You William Spear and John Spear jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special bail for James Sterett at the suit of John Augustine Washington in an Action of debt brought by the said John Augustine Washington against the said James Sterett in the General Court for the Western Shore to be held in the City of Annapolis the second tuesday in October instant they acknowledge themselves content therewith this first day of November seventeen hundred and eighty eight.

Acknowledged before. Abm. Vn Bibber, Geo Gouldt. Presbury

I James Sterett impower authorize and appoint Robert Smith Esquire to appear for me in the above Action Given under my hand and Seal the first day of November seventeen hundred and eighty 8. (Seal)

Witness.

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court

Afterwards to wit On this same second tuesday of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes into our General Court Bushrod Washington and Corbet Washington by Zebulon Hollingsworth their Attorney and suggests to the Court here the Death of the aforementioned John Augustine Washington and as Executors of the said John Augustine Washington they appear to prosecute the suit in the plea aforesaid Whereupon the aforesaid James Sterett by Robert Smith 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 plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court to wit the twelfth day of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine come again as well the aforesaid Bushrod Washington and Corbet Washington Executors aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid James Sterett by his Attorney aforesaid And the aforesaid James Sterett by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said Bushrod Washington and Corbet Washington Executors aforesaid their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not and so forth because he saith that he the said James Sterett did pay unto the said John Augustine Washington in his lifetime the said sum of Money in the Condition of the

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