of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of six hundred pounds current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Thomas How Ridgate by Michael Jenifer Stone his attorney complains that whereas the said Richard Edelin on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven at Charles county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory sealed with the seal of the said Richard Edelin and to the court here shewn the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Thomas How Ridgate in the aforesaid sum of six hundred pounds current money to be paid to the said Thomas How Ridgate when afterwards he should thereunto be required. Nevertheless the said Richard Edelin tho: often thereunto required hath not paid the said sum of six hundred pounds current money to the said Thomas How Ridgate but hath altogether denied and still doth deny to pay the same wherefore the said Thomas How Ridgate saith he hath damage to one thousand pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

M. J. Stone for the plaintiff pledges &c. { John Doe and Richard Roe

Maryland ss. Know all men by these presents that I Richard Edelin senr. of Charles County planter am held and firmly bound unto Thomas How Ridgate of the said county merchant in the full and just sum of six hundred pounds current money pble. in gold or silver half Johannes at three pounds silver milled dollars at seven shillings and six pence each and other gold and silver at their passing value to be paid to the said Thomas How Ridgate or to 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: dated the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Richard Edelin senr. his heirs executors administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Thomas How Ridgate or to his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns, the full and just sum of two hundred and seventy pounds eighteen shillings and five pence ½ current money payable in half Johannes at three pounds each, silver milled dollars at seven shillings and six pence each and other gold and silver at their passing value with legal interest for the same on or before the day of without any fraud or delay then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of James Freeman { Rich.d Edelin (seal)

And thereupon on motion of the said Thomas How Ridgate by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the court here that the said Richard Edelin answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Thomas How Ridgate in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the court here will be entered against him in default thereof. And the said Richard Edelin by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays further leave of the court here to imparle until the second tuesday of May next and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Thomas How Ridgate in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted: the same day is further given to the said Thomas How Ridgate also: At which said second tuesday of May being the twelfth of the said month in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty nine to which said day the said Richard Edelin had further leave to imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Thomas How Ridgate in the plea aforesaid comes again into the General court here as well the said Thomas How Ridgate by his attorney aforesaid as the said Richard Edelin by his attorney aforesaid And the said Richard Edelin by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and also of the condition thereof and to him they are read as follow to wit,

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