Middleton and George Dent of Charles County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto James Gordon Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram merchants in Glasgow in the full and just sum of two hundred six pounds twelve shillings and two pence current money in spanish milled dollars at seven shillings and six pence half Jocs at sixty shillings each and other silver and Gold at the same rate to be paid unto the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior Alexander Low and William Ingram their certain attorney, Executors, administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally in and for the whole firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this thirty first day of October seventeen hundred and eighty seven. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Sarah Ward do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram their certain attorney Executors administrators or assigns the full and just sum of One hundred and three pounds six shillings and one penny current money as aforesd with legal Interest thereon from the date hereof untill paid in manner and form following, that is to say, Thirty six pounds ten shillings and one penny on or before the first day of March next, a further sum of Thirty eight pounds eleven shillings and three pence on or before the first day of March seventeen hundred and eighty nine and the residue of the said principal and Interest, to wit, thirty six pounds nine shillings and eleven pence on or before the first day of March seventeen hundred and ninety then the above obligation to be void but in case the said Sarah Ward her heirs Executors or administrators shall fail in the payment of any of the sums aforesaid or any part thereof at the times aforesaid then the whole principal sum of One hundred and three pounds six shillings and one penny and the Interest thereon to be due and payable immediately unto the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram their certain attorney Executors administrators or assigns and the said obligation to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Wm Thompson Thos Ward Al. Hamilton

Sarah her mark Ward (Ls)
Hor. Middleton (Ls)
Geo. Dent (Ls)

And thereupon on motion of the said James, Henry, John, John Alexander and William by their attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Sarah answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof and the said Sarah by her attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untie the second Tuesday of October next, and,

and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William in the plea aforesaid, and to her it is granted, the same day is given to the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty nine to which said day the said Sarah had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William in the plea aforesaid comes again into the General Court here as well the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William by their attorney aforesaid, as the said Sarah by her attorney aforesaid; and the said Sarah by her 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 her they are read which being read and heard the said Sarah saith that the aforesaid James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William their action aforesaid against her to have or maintain ought not and so forth, because she saith that she the said Sarah did pay unto the said James Henry, John, John Alexander and William the said sum of One hundred and three pounds six shillings and one penny current money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the condition of the said writing obligatory, to wit, at the County aforesaid and this she is ready to verify wherefore she prays Judgment whether the aforesaid James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William their action aforesaid against her to have or maintain ought and so forth.

And the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander, and William by their attorney aforesaid saith that they by any thing by the said Sarah above in pleading alleged from having or maintaining their action aforesaid against her ought not to be precluded because they say that the said Sarah did not pay unto them the aforesaid James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William the aforesaid sum of money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned, with the Interest thereon in manner and form as the said Sarah above by pleading hath alleged and this they pray may be enquired of by the Country, and the said Sarah in like manner and so forth. Therefore let a Jury thereupon appear before the Court here on the second Tuesday of May next by whom &c. and who neither &c. to recognize &c. because as well &c. the same day is given to the said parties then and there and so forth.

And now at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the eleventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety comes again into the General Court here as well the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William by Richard Potts, Thomas Jennings and William Cooke their attornies as the said Sarah by her attorney aforesaid; and the said Sarah by her attorney aforesaid, relinquishing the averment aforesaid, above by her pretended, says, that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said James, Henry, John, John Alexander and William so as aforesaid against her brought nor but that she owes to the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William the said sum of two hundred and six pounds,