Government and by the resolves of Convention made and passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the 17th. of October 1780.

Given at Annapolis the twentieth day of March 1781

Thos. Harwood Treasurer W.S.

It is also agreed that Thomas Bladen aforesaid at the time of executing the said Bond was a British subject residing in Great Britain and so continued to be until his death which happened after the said twentieth day of March in the said year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one and that the said Thomas Bladen never did become a subject or citizen of this or of any of the United States nor had he an attorney in fact always acknowledging himself as such for the purpose of receiving always from the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six until the passing of the said act of Assembly and constantly residing in this State from the said first day of September in the year last aforesaid until the passing of the said act of Assembly.

That on the twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six a convention of Delegates of Maryland made the following resolution to wit.

Resolved unanimously that the deputies of this colony attending in Congress or a majority of them or any three or more of them be authorised and empowered to concur with the other United Colonies or a majority of them in declaring the United Colonies Free and Independent States.

That on the fourth day of July in the same year the said Congress made the following Declaration of the Independence of the States of New Hampshire &c &c. which Declaration follows in these words to wit.

[Here insert it as entered in this Book page 38 &c.]

That a war was carried on between the United States and the King of Great Britain from the fourth day of July in the year last aforesaid until the third day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three on which last day and year peace was concluded between the said States and the said King of Great Britain.

That the Definitive articles of treaty and peace between the said King of Great Britain and the United States were made on the day and year last mentioned which follows in these words to wit

[Here insert it as entered in this Book page 41 &c.]

That

That the said James Franklin on the said fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six became a subject and citizen of this State and that Letters of administration of the goods and chattels rights and Credits which were of the said Thomas Bladen at the time of his death have been duly granted to the Plaintiff in this cause since the death of the said Thomas Bladen and before the commencement of this suit.

And is it agreed that if the court shall be of opinion on this state of facts that nothing is due to the Plaintiff, then Judgment for the Plaintiff is to be struck out and Judgment for the Defendant to be entered for his costs and that each party is to have a right to appeal and on such appeal to have the same advantage of this State of facts as if a Jury had been sworn in this cause and these facts had appeared in an exception taken at the trial to the opinion and direction of the Court to the Jury or as if they appeared in a special verdict found in this cause.

W Cooke p Plff. D W. Mechen p Deft.

Whereupon all and singular the Premises being seen and by the court now here more fully understood and mature deliberation being thereupon had the opinion of the Court now is, that, It is considered by the judges here that the said Daniel Dulany administrator aforesaid recover against the said James Franklin as well the sum of one thousand pounds current money of Maryland the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid herein before confessed as also the sum of eleven hundred and sixteen pound of Tobacco by the Court here unto the said Daniel Dulany administrator aforesaid on his assent adjudged as well for his damages sustained by reason of the detention of that debt as for his costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the said James Franklin in mercy &c.

Memorandum, It is also considered by the court here that the above Judgment be released upon payment of the sum of five hundred pounds Current money of Maryland with interest thereon from the tenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy five to the fourth day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy six and from the third day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty three until paid and costs of Suit.

Test Jno Gwinn Clk.