Constantly residing within the said State since the said first day of September seventeen hundred and seventy six and the Executor or administrator of such debtor might and he was thereby authorised upon making Oath or affirmation if a Quaker Menonist or Dunker) to be lodged with the treasurer that he had received for debts due before the first of September seventeen hundred and seventy six to him or the person to whom he was heir Executor administrator or representative to the amount by him in such oath or affirmation specified and that he had not paid for Debts due before that time by himself or the person to whom he was heir executor adminministrator or representative above the sum in such Oath or affirmation specified or on oath or affirmation to be lodged with the treasurer that before the twentieth day of April seventeen hundred and seventy nine he sold property for the purpose of paying Debts by him or the person to whom he was heir Executor administrator or representative contracted before the first day of September seventeen hundred and seventy six and that he constantly kept the money by him received or so much of the same or other money as he should specify in his Oath or affirmation or that before the said twentieth day of April he sold property for the purpose of paying his debts as aforesaid and that he left the money in the hands of the purchser where it remained for the purpose of paying his debts as aforesaid such Debtor might pay to either of the treasurers of this State the amount of the money by him received and kept as aforesaid or left as aforesaid or the balance by him received above what he has paid as aforesaid or any part thereof in discharge of the debt due to such Creditor in the said Contenental Convention or bills of Credit emitted by acts of Assembly under the old Government aforesaid on or before the twentieth of March next or in the said new bills of Credit or bills emitted under the act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and fill bills of exchange and for an emission of bills of Credit if necessary at the rate of one dollar of the same bills for every forty dollars due and payable at any time before the first day of July next and by the said Act, it was enacted that such payment should be deemed in law a payment of such Creditor or his assignee and the treasurers receipt should be good evidence in the Courts of Law and equity and in the orphans Courts on the administration of the estates of deceased persons, and the treasurers should exchange any contenental

Convention

Convention and bills emitted by acts under the old Government by him so received for new bills at the rate of one for forty and the same together with all new Bills and bills emitted by the said Act of Assembly which might be paid for the purpose aforesaid should retain in his office liable to the attachment of Creditors and subject to the future directions of the Act of Assembly. And the said Charles in fact further saith that the debt aforesaid in the declaration aforesaid above mentioned was created and made before the first day of September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six to wit on the twenty second day of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five at the County aforesaid and that the said Gilbert Buchanan in the said Declaration mentioned was at the time of passing the said Act and from the time of his nativity had been and always since hath been and still is a British subject residing in the British dominions and the said John Buchanan whom the said Gilbert survived always from the time of his Nativity to the time of his death was a British subject residing in the British Dominions and neither the said Gilbert or John did become subjects or residents of this or some one of the United States after the said first day of September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six at any time before the time of passing the said Act of Assembly or at any time afterwards neither had he the said Gilbert Buchanan or John (neither of whom subjects and residents of this or some one of the United States as aforesaid) an Attorney in fact acknowledging himself as such for the purpose of receiving debts always after the first day of September seventeen hundred and seventy six and constantly residing within this State from the day and year last aforesaid until the time of passing the act aforesaid. And the said Charles further in fact saith that after the passing of the said act, to wit, on the nineteenth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty one a Certain Ephraim Howard executor of the last will and testament of a certain Rachel Denton Howard then deceased which said Rachel Denton Howard was joint obligor with him the said Charles in the writing obligatory aforesaid did make oath before Samuel Godman one of the Justices of Ann Arundel County duly Commissioned and qualified that before the twentieth day of April seventeen hundred and seventy nine he the said Ephraim Howard Executor as aforesaid sold property belonging to the

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