of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty seven, and the day of the return of the aforesaid writ comes into our General Court here the aforesaid James Christie Junior by Robert Smith his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel 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 David Stewart Sheriff

And the said William Whitecroft being called upon appears, and at the prayer of the said James Christie Junior by his attorney — aforesaid the said William Whitecroft is adjudged to give special Bail to the action aforesaid, whereupon a certain John Randall of Anne Arundel county Gentleman present here in court in his proper person undertakes for the said William Whitecroft that in case the said James Christie Junior shall recover Judgment against the said William Whitecroft in the plea aforesaid or that the said William Whitecroft shall be therein legally convict, that then the said William Whitecroft shall pay the condemnation of the court thereupon or render his body to the custody of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel county in satisfaction thereof or that he the said John Randall will do the same for him And the said William Whitecroft by Thomas Jennings his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays that the aforesaid James Christie Junior may be adjudged to give security for costs, in case he shall happen to be nonsuited in the plea aforesaid. Thereupon a certain Robert Smith of Baltimore county Esquire present here in Court in his proper person becomes security for the payment thereof. And the aforesaid James Christie Junior by his attorney aforesaid declares against the said William Whitecroft in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit, Western Shore of Maryland, Anne Arundel county to wit. William Whitecroft late of Anne Arundel county Gentleman otherwise called William Whitecroft of the City of Annapolis Merchant, was summoned to answer unto James Christie Junior of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and ninety four pounds ten shillings sterling money of the value of four hundred and eighty pounds sixteen — shillings and eight pence current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said James Christie by Robert Smith his attorney complains that whereas the said William Whitecroft on the sixth day of May in the years of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, at the —

county aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound to the said James Christie in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and ninety four pounds ten shillings sterling, which said sum of two hundred and ninety four pounds ten shillings sterling money at the time of making the writing obligatory aforesaid was and ever since hath been, and still is of the value of four hundred and ninety pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence current money of Maryland to wit at the county aforesaid, to be paid to the said James Christie Junior when he the said William Whitecroft should be — thereunto requested. Nevertheless the said William Whitecroft although often requested the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof or the value thereof to the said James Christie yet hath not paid, but altogether hitherto hath refused, and still doth refuse to pay the same to him to the damage of the said James Christie nine hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and thereupon he brings suit and so forth, and he brings here into court the writing obligatory aforesaid, with the seal of the — aforesaid William Whitecroft sealed which testifies the said debt in form aforesaid, the date whereof is the day and year above mentioned and so forth.

Robt. Smith pro Pltff. pledges &c. John Doe & Richd. Roe

And the aforesaid William Whitecroft 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 of the condition thereof and to him it is read as follows to wit

Know all men by these presents that we William Whitecroft of the we William Whitecroft of the City of Annapolis and Bernard Omale of Frederick county both in the Province of Maryland Merchants are held and firmly bound unto James Christie Junior in the full and just sum of two hundred and ninety four pounds ten shillings sterling money to be paid to the said James Christie Junior his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally for & in the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this sixth day of May anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy five

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound William Whitecroft and Bernard Omale do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said James Christie Junr his certain attorney executors administrators or Assigns the just and

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