full sum of one hundred & forty seven pounds five shillings sterling in Bills of Exchange drawn on & payt in London at forty days sight at or upon the sixth day of November next ensuing the date hereof without fraud or further delay, then the above obligation to be void. else to remain in full force and vertue in Law

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of John Shirreff Gabriel Christie — Wm Whetcroft (seal) Bernard O'Neill (seal)

Which being read and heard the aforesaid William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid prays leave to imparle hereunto until next court and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next court to wit the second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty seven comes again as well the said James Christie by his attorney aforesaid, as the said William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid. And the said William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which said next court to wit the second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the said James Christie Junior by his attorney aforesaid, as the said William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid. And the said William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next court and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next court to wit the second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight, comes again as well the said James Christie Junior by his attorney aforesaid, as the said William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid, And the said William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next court and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next court, to wit the second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine, comes again as well the said James Christie Junior

by his attorney aforesaid, as the said William Whetcroft by his attorney aforesaid. And the aforesaid William Whetcroft 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 he hath them as follows to wit

Know all men by these presents that we William Whetcroft of the City of Annapolis & Bernard O'Neale 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 and 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 Whetcroft & Bernard O'neale do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said James Christie Junior his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of one hundred & forty seven pounds five shillings sterling in Bills of Exchange drawn on & payt in London at forty days sight at or upon the sixth day of November next ensuing the date hereof without fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law —— which being read and heard the said William Whetcroft saith that the aforesaid James Christie Junr his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not because he saith that before the impetration of the original writ in this cause to wit the sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five at Anne Arundel county aforesaid, he the said William Whetcroft did pay unto the said James Christie Junior the aforesaid sum of money in the condition aforesaid mentioned, and the Interest thereon due according to the form and effect of the Statute in such case made and provided, and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said James Christie Junior his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth, And the said James Christie Junior saith that he by any thing by the said William Whetcroft above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded, because he saith that before the impetration of the original writ in this cause to wit

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