the said Samuel Lane in the general court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this seventh day of October 1789

Before Wm. Hd. Reynolds, Thos. Harwood 3d.

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court

William Hilly Esqr. is empowered and desired to appear for the Defendants in this suit

And the said Samuel Lane senior by William Hilly his attorney aforesaid comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle hereunto until next court and he hath it, and the same day is given to the plaintiffs also.

At which said next court to wit the second Tuesday of May being the eleventh day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety come again as well the said Elkanah Watson and Francis Lafoul by their attorney aforesaid as the said Samuel Lane senior by his attorney aforesaid. And the aforesaid Samuel Lane senior by his attorney aforesaid comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays that the aforesaid Elkanah Watson and Francis Lafoul may be adjudged to give security for costs in case they shall happen to be nonsuited in the plea aforesaid, Therefore a certain Richard Ridgely of Ann Arundel Esquire present here in court in his proper person becomes security for the payment thereof. And the aforesaid Samuel Lane senior 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 plaintiffs also

At which said next court to wit the second tuesday of October being the twelfth day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety come again as well the said Elkanah Watson and Francis Lafoul by their attorney aforesaid as the said Samuel Lane senior by his attorney aforesaid. And the aforesaid Samuel Lane senior 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 plaintiffs also

And now here at this day to wit the second tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety one, to which day the aforesaid Samuel Lane senior had leave to imparle, come here again into court as well the said Elkanah Watson and Francis

Lafoul by Richard Ridgely and Archibald Robinson their attornas as the said Samuel Lane senior by William Hilly his attorney aforesaid And the aforesaid Elkanah Watson and Francis Lafoul by Archibald Robinson their attorney aforesaid declared against the aforesaid Samuel Lane senior in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit, Western Shore of Maryland Calvert County to wit, Samuel Lane senior late of Ann Arundel County farmer was attached to answer unto Elkanah Watson and Francis Lafoul of a plea of trespass on the case and so forth. And whereupon the said Elkanah Watson and Francis Lafoul by Archibald Robinson their attorney say that at the several times hereafter mentioned the said Elkanah and Francis and the aforesaid Samuel Lane and one Samuel M Lane were persons respectively residing, trading and using commerce to wit the said Elkanah and Francis and the aforesaid Samuel Lane and one Samuel M Lane were persons respectively residing trading and using commerce to wit the said Elkanah and Francis and Samuel M Lane in parts beyond the seas that is to say at Nantes in the Kingdom of France, and the said Samuel Lane within this State to wit at Pigg Point in Calvert County aforesaid and the said Elkanah and Francis were partners and joint dealers in their said trade and commerce, and being so respectively residing trading and using commerce and the said Elkanah and Francis so being partners the said Samuel M Lane on the tenth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three in foreign parts to wit at Nantes aforesaid according to the custom of Merchants within this State used and approved of from time immemorial made his certain Bill of Exchange in writing his own proper hand writing being thereunto subscribed the said Bill bearing date the same day and year aforesaid directed to the aforesaid Samuel Lane by the name of Mr. Samuel Lane Pigg Point Maryland, and by the said Bill requested the said Samuel Lane at thirty days sight of the said Bill to pay to the said Elkanah Watson and Francis Lafoul by the name of Messrs Watson and Lafoul or order the sum of two hundred and fifty two pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence Virginia currency for value received and place it to the account of him the said Samuel M Lane and then and there delivered the said Bill to the said Elkanah and Francis which said Bill of Exchange the said Samuel Lane afterwards to wit on the seventeenth day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six at Calvert county aforesaid upon sight thereof accepted according to the custom aforesaid, by reason whereof and according to the aforesaid custom and by the Law of Merchants the said Samuel Lane became liable to pay

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