safe kep so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next to answer unto John Smith of a plea that he render unto him the sum of four thousand eight hundred pounds current money and fifteen hundred and eighty two pounds of tobacco which he owes and unjustly detains from him and so forth. Thereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 17th day of November anno Domini 1789. Issued the 25th day of February 1790 (R. Smith) Jno. Gwinn Clk

And the said John Smith by his attorney aforesaid on the day of prosecuting and suing forth the said writ declared in the Court here against the said Henry Midley in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit,

Western Shore of Maryland St. Marys County to wit. Henry Midley late of St. Marys County Gentleman otherwise called Henry Medley of St. Marys County was summoned to answer unto John Smith of a plea that he render unto him the sum of four thousand eight hundred pounds current money and fifteen hundred and eighty two pounds of tobacco which he owes to and unjustly detains from him and so forth. And whereupon the said John Smith by Robert Smith his attorney complains that the aforesaid Henry Medley on the first day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty six at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory which the aforesaid John Smith with the seal of the said Henry Medley sealed here into ~~~ Court doth bring the date whereof is on the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid ~ John Smith in the aforesaid sum of four thousand eight hundred pounds current money and fifteen hundred and eighty two pounds of tobacco to be paid to the said John Smith when thereto afterwards he should be required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Henry Medley altho: often required the aforesaid sum of money and tobacco or any part thereof to the said John Smith hath not yet paid but the same to him to pay altogether hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said John Smith eight thousand pounds current money, and thereupon he brings suit and so forth

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pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe

State of Maryland S. Know all men by these presents that we Athanasius Ford Robert Fenwick of John John Manning and Henry Medly all of Saint Marys county are held and firmly bound unto John Smith of Baltimore in the full and just sum of four thousand eight hundred pounds current money and fifteen hundred and eighty two pounds of tobacco to be paid to the said John Smith his certain attorney heirs executors

or administrators. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs executors and administrators in the whole and for the whole jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this first day of April anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty six. Whereas the above bound Athanasius Ford is about to sue out or prosecute a writ of error on a Judgment obtained by the said John Smith against him the said ~ Athanasius Ford. Nicholas Mills and Robert Fenwick of John in the ~ General Court for the Western Shore of this State of Maryland for as well the sum of two thousand four hundred pounds current money of Maryland as also the sum of seven hundred and ninety one pounds of tobacco. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Athanasius Ford do and shall pursue the directions of the Act of Assembly entitled an Act for regulating writs of error and granting Appeals from and to the Courts of common Law within this State at the next High Court of Appeals to be held at the City of Annapolis on the first tuesday of May next and prosecute the same writ with effect and also satisfy and pay unto the above said John Smith his certain attorney heirs executors or administrators in case the said Judgment shall be affirmed as well all and singular the debts damages and costs adjudged by the General Court before whom the action was first brought and from whose Judgment the Appeal is made and thereon a writ of error is brought as aforesaid, and also all costs and damages as shall be awarded by the High Court of Appeals, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise of full force and virtue in Law

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
James Mills
William Cartwright

Athana: Ford (seal)
Robt. Fenwick of John (seal)
John Manning (seal)
Henry Medley (seal)

copies of which said Declaration and oyer was made and sent to the Sheriff of the county aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed To be served on the defendant with the writ or left at his place of abode, twenty days at least before the return of the said writ for plea or Judgment the first Court.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eleventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety and the day of the return of the foregoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said John Smith by Robert Smith his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Saint Marys County aforesaid to wit Philip Ford Gentleman to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

"Cepi copy left. 1st March P. Ford Shff

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