thousand seven hundred & eighty eight at Frederick Town aforesaid by their certain obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto them the said Samuel Hughes and John Swann in the aforesaid sum of three hundred and five pounds & ten pence in silver Dollars at seven shillings and six pence each to be paid to them the said Samuel Hughes and John Swan when afterwards they should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith (altho often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of three hundred and five pounds and ten pence in silver Dollars at seven shillings and six pence each to them the said Samuel Hughes & John Swan have not rendered or paid the same to them hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused and still do refuse wherefore they sayeth they are the worse and have sustained damage to the value of one thousand pounds current money aforesaid and therefore they bring suit and so forth and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid and sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Joseph Sim & Patrick Sim Smith which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid and so forth

Richard Potts for the Pltff pledges &c. { John Doe & Richard Roe

And the aforesaid Joseph Sim & Patrick Sim Smith by their attys come and defend the force and injury and so forth, and pray an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition hereof and they have them as follows to wit, Maryland fs. Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith of Frederick Town Merchants are held and firmly bound unto Saml. Hughes & John Swan of Baltimore Maryland in the full and just sum of three hundred & five pounds and ten pence in silver Dollars of seven shillings & six pence each to be paid to the said Samuel Hughes & John Swan as John Swan & Company or to their certain attorney executors administrators or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done we hereby bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators and every of them firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated the twenty second day of January one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Joseph Sim & Patrick Sim Smith their heirs executors administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Samuel Hughes & John Swan as John Swan & Co or to their certain attorney executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty two pounds ten shillings & five pence in silver Dollars at seven

shillings and six pence each with Interest from the first of January Inst: on or before the first day of April next without any fraud or delay, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in force & virtue in Law.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of { (Signed) Joseph Sim (seal)
Wm. Magruder, P. Douglas { Pat. Sim Smith (seal)

Indorsed on the Back of said Bond as follows

Recd. Balt: 3d. July 89. Ten pounds 2/11 p. the Hands of Messrs. Yates & Keggan being on acct. of the within Bond for John Swan & Co.

£10. 2. 11 Signed P. Douglass

copies of which said Declaration and oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the county aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed "to be served on the Defendants with the writ or left at their last places 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 aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the said Samuel Hughes and John Swan by Richard Potts their attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Frederick County aforesaid to wit Peter Mantz Gentleman to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

"Cepi Nar Eft 28th March. P. Mantz Shff.

and the said Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith by Gabriel Duvall their attorney appear in Court here and thereupon on motion of the said Samuel Hughes and John Swan by their attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith give special bail in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon the said Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith by their attorney aforesaid file in Court here a certain Bail piece and which being approved of by the Court here is in form following to wit

Samuel Hughes and John Swann plaintiffs
against
Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith defendants

You Thomas Frazier and Jeremiah Bell do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith at the suit of the said Samuel Hughes and John Swann in an action of debt brought by the said Samuel Hughes and John Swann against the said Joseph Sim and Patrick Sim Smith in the General Court for the Western Shore they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith the third day of May seventeen hundred and ninety. before Wm. Magruder, Wm. Luckett

To the Honourable Judges of the General Court

To Gabriel Duvall Esquire attorney for the Defendant

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