Bond and security, to be approved of by the Court here, conditioned for a return of the said Negroes. Whereupon the said James Baker by Aquila Hall his attorney aforesaid, files in Court here a certain writing obligatory, commonly called a retorno habendo bond, in in form and tenor following to wit. Know all men by these presents, that we James Baker, Charles Gorsuch Junior and William Lynch of Baltimore County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Edward Murray in the just and full sum of two thousand pounds Current money to be paid unto the said Edward Murray his certain attorney Executors administrators or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators Jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this twentieth day of May seventeen hundred and Eighty Eight. "Whereas the said Edward Murray hath obtained the States of Maryland's writ of Replevin to replevy the following Negroes from the said James Baker to wit Pompey Jack, Primus, Dina, Dide Cate, Solomon, David, Cloe, Rachel, Fanney and three Children names unknown. And whereas the said James Baker hath obtained the order of the honourable the Judges of the General Court of the Western shore of the State of Maryland for the said Negroes to be returned to him provided he gives good and sufficient Bond for the return of the said Negroes to the said Edward Murray in case he prosecutes his said writ of Replevin with effect and obtains a Judgment for a return thereof. Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound James Baker do and shall well and truly return to the said Edward Murray the said Negroes in case the said Edward Murray should prosecute his said writ of replevin with effect and obtain a Judgment for a return of the same then the above obligation to be void else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Sealed and Delivered In the presence of Kid Lynch, Clark Gittings

James Baker (Seal)
Charles Gorsuch (Seal)
William Lynch (Seal)

Which being read and heard, and the security in the same bond being approved of by the Court here, Thereupon the said James Baker by his attorney aforesaid, prosecutes and sues forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland

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de retorno habendo, directed to the sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid in the words and of the tenor following to wit.

The State of Maryland ss. To the sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting. Whereas James Baker of Baltimore County was summoned to appear at our General Court on the second Tuesday in may last to answer unto Edward Murray of a plea wherefore he the said James Baker did take one negro Slave named Pompey, one negro slave named Jack, and one negro slave named Primis, one negro Slave named Dina, one negro Slave named Dide, one negro Slave named Cate, one Negro Slave named Solomon, one negro Slave named David one Negro Slave named Cloe, one negro Slave named Rachel, one Negro Slave named Fany and three Negro Children their names unknown, and whereas you our said sheriff did at the day and place aforesaid return to our said Judges that you had replevyed the negro slaves aforesaid and had delivered them to the said Edward Murray as you were by our said writ Commanded, and the said James Baker appearing in our said Court for certain Cause by the said James Baker in our said Court by pleading alledged will avowed and acknowledged the taking of the negroes aforesaid be be just. It was therefore so far proceeded in our said Court to wit, on the second Tuesday in May last that the aforesaid James Baker should have a return of the Negroes aforesaid until and so forth. And therefore we Command you that the aforesaid Negro Slaves you cause to be delivered and returned to the said James Baker and how you shall Execute this that you make known unto our said Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of June Anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 30th July 1788. John Guinn Clk.

And the said James Baker by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury, when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Edward Murray also.

At which said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred

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