thousand seven hundred and eighty seven at Harford county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Alexander and Benjamin Contee in the said sum of three thousand and forty two pounds four shillings and four pence sterling money to be paid to them the said Alexander & Benjamin Contee when afterwards he the said William Osborn should be thereunto required. And the said Alexander and Benjamin Contee in fact say that the said sum of three thousand & forty two pounds four shillings and four pence sterling at the time of making the writing obligatory aforesaid was always since hath been & now is of the value of five thousand & seventy pounds seven shillings and two pence half penny current money to wit at the County aforesaid. Nevertheless the said William Osborn altho often thereunto required the said sum of Sterling money or the value thereof as aforesaid to them the said Alexander & Benjamin Contee hath not contented or paid, but the said sum of Sterling money or the value thereof to them the said Alexander & Benjamin Contee to content or pay he the said William Osborn hath altogether refused & still doth refuse wherefore the said Alexander and Benjamin Contee say they are the worse & have damage to the value of six thousand pounds current money whereupon they bring suit and so forth: and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the said William Osborn which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Wm. Cooke pro Pltff pledges and so forth { Jno. Doe & Richd. Roe

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Groom Osborn Wm. Osborn & George Little / of Harford County Maryland Gentn. held and firmly bound unto Alexander & Benjamin Contee Merchts. Maryland in the full and just sum of three thousand & forty two pounds four shillings & four pence sterling money of Great Britain to be paid to the said Alexr. & Benjamin Contee or to their 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 & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated the second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Samuel Groom Osborn, William Osborn & Geo. Little / aforesaid, their heirs executors administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Alexr. & Benjamin Contee or to their certain attorney executors administrators or assigns the



full and just sum of one thousand five hundred and twenty one pounds two shillings and two pence sterling money of Great Britain on or before the day of without any fraud or delay then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue in Law

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Thos. Caldwell, Walb. Cox, Thomas Waltham

Samuel Groom Osborn (seal)
William Osborn (seal)
George Little (seal)

copies of which said Declaration and oyer were made and sent to the Coroners of the County aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed to be served on the Defendant with the writ or left at his last 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 October being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the said Alexander & Benjamin Contee by William Cooke their attorney aforesaid and the said Coroners of Harford County aforesaid make no return thereof to the Court here; Nevertheless the said William Osborn by William Pinkney his attorney voluntarily appears in Court here, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Alexander & Benjamin Contee by their attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said William Osborn give special bail in the plea aforesaid, whereupon the said William Osborn by his attorney aforesaid files in Court here a certain bail piece and which being approved of by the Court here is in form following to wit

Alexander & Benjamin Contee against William Osborn

You Benjamin Preston & Zacheus Onion do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for William Osborn at suit Alexander & Benjamin Contee in an action of debt brought by the said Alexander & Benjamin Contee against the said William Osborn in the General Court to October Term seventeen hundred & eighty nine, they acknowledge themselves content therewith this 26th. day of October 1789.

Wm. Smithson, Dennis Bond

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court, I do hereby authorise and appoint Wm. Pinkney Esqr. to appear for me in the above action, As witness my hand this 26th. day of October 1789

Wm. Smithson, Dennis Bond,

Wm. Osborn

whereupon the said William Osborn by his attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said Alexander and Benjamin Contee also,

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eleventh day of the

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