Hodgkin by William Cooke their attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the general court here the writ of the State of Maryland of capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in the words and of the tenor following to wit, The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County Greeting, We command you that you take Vachel Dorsey late of Anne Arundel County planter otherwise called Vachel Dorsey Junior of Ann Arundel County Gentleman if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep 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 October next to answer unto Francis Cracroft & Thomas Brooke Hodgkin of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of sixteen hundred pounds current money which to them he owes & from them unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ, Witness The Honourable Thomas Johnson Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 16th day of June anno Domini 1791. Issued the 23d day of July 1791. (W. Cooke) Jno. Gwinn Cl.

and the said Francis Cracroft and Thomas Brooke Hodgkin by their attorney aforesaid on the day of prosecuting and suing forth the said writ declared in the said Court against the said Vachel Dorsey in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit, Western Shore State of Maryland Anne Arundel County ss Vachel Dorsey late of Ann Arundel County planter otherwise called Vachel Dorsey Senior of Anne Arundel County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto Francis Cracroft & Thomas Brooke Hodgkin of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of sixteen hundred pounds current money which to them he owes & from them unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Francis and Thomas Brooke by William Cooke their attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Vachel on the twenty first day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at the county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the aforesaid Francis and Thomas Brooke in the aforesaid sum of sixteen hundred pounds current money to be paid to them the said Francis and Thomas Brooke when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Vachel Dorsey although often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of current money to them the said Francis and Thomas Brooke hath not rendered or paid but the same to them hitherto to render or pay hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said Francis & Thomas Brooke say they are the worse and have damage to the value of three thousand pounds current money and therefore they bring suit and so forth and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Vachel which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof

is the day and year aforesaid and so forth

W. Cooke for the Plaintiffs pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe

And the aforesaid Vachel by his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof and he hath them in the words following to wit, Maryland Set. Know all men by these presents that we Vachel Dorsey senior, Vachel Dorsey Junior of Anne Arundel County and Johnzee Dorsey of Baltimore county Gentlemen are held & firmly bound unto Francis Cracroft and Thomas Brooke Hodgkin Merchants in Compa. in the full and just sum of sixteen hundred pounds current money to be paid to the said Cracroft and Hodgkin their certain attorney executors administrators or assigns 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 administrators and assigns in and for the whole jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & eighty eight. Whereas the said Cracroft and Hodgkin have agreed at the request of the above named Vachel Dorsey senior, Vachel Dorsey Junior and Johnzee Dorsey to advance them the sum of eight hundred pounds current money on the following conditions to wit, that they the said Vachel Dorsey senior, Vachel Dorsey Junior and Johnzee Dorsey in consideration of the receipt of the said money shall ship on board any ships that the said Cracroft & Hodgkin may direct this present year twenty two hogsheads of good sound Merchantable Maryland leaf Tobacco and of good weight on their own account and risque to the address of Messrs Turotbick Thwaites & Wheellwright Merchants in London and in the summer of the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine shall also ship and consign to the same address on their own account the further quantity of thirty hogsheads of like Tobacco and weights the neat pounds of each shipment to be placed by the said Turotbick Thwaites & Wheellwright to the credit of the said Vachel Dorsey senior Vachel Dorsey Junior and Johnzee Dorsey who is to be debited on the same books with the said sum of eight hundred pounds current money and that whatever balance the said house of Turotbick Thwaites & Wheellwright may be in advance for the said Vachel Dorsey senior, Vachel Dorsey Junior and Johnzee Dorsey at the end of each period of ---- Shipment after the said Tobacco shall be in money in their hands then legal Interest shall accrue and be carried also the Debit of the said Vachel Dorsey senior, Vachel Dorsey Junior & Johnzee Dorsey. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Vachel Dorsey senior, Vachel Dorsey Junior and Johnzee Dorsey their executors or administrators do and shall well and truly ship the Tobacco aforesaid in the manner and form above specified and well and truly make payment for any balance that may accrue to the said Cracroft & Hodgkin thereon with legal Interest for the same at 6 p Cent p annum then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law

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