amerciament aforesaid be discharged and Stricken out; and thereupon on motion of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke Executors aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Joseph Sprigg give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon a certain Turner Mooton of Montgomery County yeoman comes here into Court in his own proper person and with the consent of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blark Executors aforesaid by their said attorney, becomes pledge and Bail for the said Joseph Sprigg, that if it shall happen that the said Joseph Sprigg shall be convicted at the suit of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blark Executors as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid then the said Turner Mooton consents that as well the debt aforesaid as all such Damages costs and charges as shall be adjudged unto the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke Executors as aforesaid in this behalf, shall be made of his body, lands and chattles and levies to the use of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke, if it shall happen that the said Joseph Sprigg shall not pay the said debt, damages costs and charges, or render himself to the prison and custody of the sheriff of Washington County on that occasion; and thereupon the said Joseph Sprigg by his attorney aforesaid prays oyer of the letters Testamentary granted unto the said Sarah wife of the said Richard Ross and James Blarke, as it does not appear to the said Joseph Sprigg that the said Sarah is Executrix of the last will and Testament of Thomas Brereton merchant and that the said James Blark is Executor with the said Sarah of the Testament aforesaid, and the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke Executors aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid file in Court here Letters of Administration in form following, to wit:

Maryland Sc. The State of Maryland to Sarah Brereton & James Blarke of Baltimore greeting. Whereas Thomas Brereton late of Baltimore County, had died intestate as it is said we do therefore give and grant unto you the said Sarah Brereton and James Blarke full power and authority to administer all and singular the goods chattles and credits of the said deceased and to demand collect and levy and in legal manner require and receive, all and all manner of debt and debts due and owing to the said deceased, and well and faithfully to dispose of the same; and out of the goods chattles and credits of the said deceased which have may or shall come to your hands or possession, well and truly to pay the debts due by the said deceased, so far forth as the same will extend, and the Law will charge you, according to the true value of the Sum thereof, you having first taken your oath well and truly to Administer the same, according to Law; and make, or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of (the

the said deceased which have, may or shall come to your hands, possession or knowledge appraised in money; and a true and Just account of and upon your Administration therein; and to exhibit both into our said office for registering of Wills for the County of Baltimore aforesaid; touching which Inventory you are presently assigned to perform, or, at furthest at or before the Eleventh day of March now next ensuing, and an Account within twelve months from the date of these presents, and lastly we do hereby constitute and appoint you the said Sarah Brereton and James Blark Administrators of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased.- Given at Baltimore, this Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord, Seventeen hundred and Eighty seven.

Wm. Buchanan Reg.r Testy. Balt. Coty.

And thereupon on motion of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke Executors aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Joseph Sprigg answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blark Executors aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said Joseph Sprigg by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury, when and soforth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blark executors aforesaid in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke Executors aforesaid also:

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety one to which said day the said Joseph Sprigg had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke Executors aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, comes again into the General Court here, as well the said Richard Ross and Sarah his wife and James Blarke Executors aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid, as the said Joseph Sprigg by his attorney aforesaid; and the said Joseph Sprigg by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and soforth and craves oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof and to him it is read in these words to wit: Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Sprigg of Calvert County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Thomas Brereton merchant of Baltimore Town and State aforesaid in the full and Just sum of three hundred and twenty seven pounds four Shillings and four pence current money to be paid to the said Thomas Brereton his certain attorney heirs Executors or Administrators which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs Executors and (Administrators