same county attorney at Law John Dorsey and Stephen Steward Junior of Baltimore Town merchants are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Wharton and Isaac Wharton of the city of Philadelphia merchants in the full and just sum of forty four Thousand pounds lawful money to be paid unto the said Thomas and Isaac Wharton, or to either of them or to either of their certain attorney Executors administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we and each of us bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this seventh day of July Anno Domini, one Thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Stephen Steward Thomas Dorsey Samuel Chase John Dorsey and Stephen Steward Junior or either of them do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Wharton and Isaac Wharton or to either of them their or either of their certain attornies Executors administrators or assigns in the city of Philadelphia the just and full sum of twenty two Thousand pounds lawful money on the seventh day July which shall be in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty three with legal Interest thereon in Case Default shall be made in payment at the said Time such Interest to commence and accrue from the said seventh day of July one Thousand seven hundred and eighty three; then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
J Toy Chase, Sal. Ringgold
William Campbell

Stephen Steward (Seal)
Thomas Dorsey — (Seal)
Samuel Chase — (Seal)
Jno. Dorsey — (Seal)
Stephen Steward Junr. (Seal)

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two. and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes in to the General Court here the said Isaac Wharton by Thomas Jenings and William Cooke his attornies and the sheriff of anne arundel County to whom the said Writ was in form aforesaid directed make return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed towit.

Ad S. Skinner & Wife. cepi the rest Copy left September 5th 1792.
Wm. Goldsmith Shff.

And the sheriff of Calvert County to whom a Duplicate of the said Writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed towit.

cepi Copy left with Frederick Skinner & Wife 1st September 1792 the rest
Henry Hunt Shff

(And)

And the said Stephen Steward, Benjamin Harrison and Sarah his wife and Frederick Skinner and Betty his wife by David McMecken their attorney come and defend the force and Injury &c. and say that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said Isaac and Thomas nor but that the Writing aforesaid is the Writing of the said Stephen Steward deceased nor but that he owed the money aforesaid in the Manner and form as they have declared against them and the said Stephen Steward Benjamin Harrison and Sarah his wife and Frederick Skinner and Betty his wife do say that at the time of the death of the said Stephen Steward towit on the twenty eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety he was seized and possessed of the following tracts and parcel of Land "part of a Tract of Land called Harrison Security said to contain sixteen acres part of a tract of Land called Fordson Containing twenty six acres more or less, a Tract of Land called "Lucky Mistake part of Greenwood and "Friendship containing in all three hundred and thirty six acres more or less, a Tract called "Stewards Farm containing eighty three acres more or less, a tract of Land called Stephens purchase. Containing eighty and three quarters of an acre more or less a Tract of Land called "Talbots angles containing thirty three acres more or less, part of the Beverdam Branch containing five and one quarter of an acre more or less. part of Jerico containing one hundred acres more or less, Turkey Hill containing one hundred acres more or less. Pratts Neck containing one hundred acres more or less part of "Gordon containing forty nine acres more or less and pratts security, containing fifty acres situate lying and being in ann arundel County and part of a lot of Ground No in Calvert County and died leaving the said Stephen Sarah and Betty his children and heirs at Law after whose death they entered as heirs at Law and were seized in their demesne as of fee and they do further say that at the time of suing the Original Writ in this Cause they had no other Lands or Tenements by hereditary descent and this they are ready to verify Wherefore they pray Judgment if they as heirs at Law of the said Stephen deceased ought to be charged with the Debt aforesaid by virtue of the Writing aforesaid except the Lands and Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances whereof they are now seized as heirs at Law &c.

David McMecken for Defendant

(And)