this come into Court James Fernandis of Charles County planter in his proper person and become pledge and bail for the said defendants, that if the said defendants should be convicted in the plea aforesaid then the same bail hath granted as well the debt aforesaid as all such damages costs and charges which to the said plaintiff may be in this behalf adjudged of his lands and chattels to be levied and to the use and behoof of the said plaintiff levied if the said defendants should happen not to pay the said debt and those damages costs and charges or not render themselves to the prison of our County of Charles aforesaid before us on that account, And the said defendants by their said Attorneys come and defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray leave to imparle here until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the said plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the Monday before the second Tuesday in June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight come come again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said defendants by their said attorney as before defends the force and Injury when and so forth and pray further leave to Imparle here until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the said plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the Monday before the second Tuesday in September anno Dominion thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Eight come again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas Crachells by his said attorney declared against the said Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder in the plea aforesaid in the words following to wit Charles County to wit. Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder Junior late of Charles County planters otherwise called Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder of Charles County and State of Maryland were summoned to answer unto Thomas Crachells according to the form of the Act of assembly in such case late made and provided of Thomas Johnson who was assignee according to the Act of assembly in such case late made and provided of John Barnham of a plea that they render unto him the said Thomas Crachells the penal sum of Four thousand pounds current money which to him they owe and unjustly detain and so forth, And whereupon the said Thomas by Philip B. Key his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder on the twentieth day of July seventeen hundred and Eighty at Charles County aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory sealed with the seals of the said Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder and now here into Court brought, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid acknowledged themselves to owe and stand

justly indebted to the said John Barnham in the sum of four thousand pounds current money to be paid to the said John when afterwards they should be thereunto required. The same John Barnham afterwards to wit on the twenty fourth day of July seventeen hundred and Eighty two at the County aforesaid the said sum of four thousand pounds current money not being paid, by his endorsement on the said writing obligatory made with his proper hand thereto subscribed and with the seal of him the said John bearing date the day and year last aforesaid having first made oath before a Magistrate that no part of the said Bond have been received according to the form and effect of the Act of assembly aforesaid the said writing obligatory, and the aforesaid sum of four thousand pounds current money therein mentioned unto him the said Thomas Johnson did assign, and the said Thomas Johnson afterwards to wit on the Eighteenth day of November seventeen hundred and Eighty two at the County aforesaid, the said sum of four thousand pounds current money not being paid by his endorsement on the said writing obligatory made, with his proper hand thereto subscribed and with the seal of him the said Thomas Johnson sealed, bearing date the day and year last aforesaid having first made oath before a Magistrate that no part of the said Bond had been received according to the form and effect of the Act of assembly aforesaid the said writing obligatory and the said sum of four thousand pounds current money therein mentioned unto the said Thomas Crachells did assign, wherefore the aforesaid Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder then and there had notice, by reason whereof and also by force of the Act of assembly in such case made and provided action did accrue to the said Thomas Crachells to demand and have of them the said Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder the aforesaid sum of four thousand pounds current money Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder at the often thereto requested the said sum of four thousand pounds current money or any part thereof to him the said Thomas Crachells have not contented or paid but the same to him the said Thomas to content or pay have altogether refused and still do refuse to the damage of him the said Thomas Crachells in the sum of four thousand pounds current money aforesaid and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

Philip B. Key for self-pledges and so forth } John Dent and Richd. Ree

And the said Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder by their said attorney as before defends the force and Injury when and so forth and pray an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and also the Condition thereof and have them in the words and figures following to wit.

Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Hopewell and Thomas Reeder of Charles County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto John Barnham of the same County and state of Maryland in the penal sum of four thousand pounds current money of the State

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