money) as aforesaid or any) part thereof to the said James Russell in his lifetime or to the said James Clerke after the death of the said James Russell (to which said James Clerke administration of all and singular the goods, chattels rights and credits which were of the said James Russell at the time of his death was by Register of wills for Baltimore county after the death of the said James Russell in due form of Law committed,) have not rendered or paid, but the same sum of sterling) money aforesaid or the value thereof as aforesaid to the said James Russell deceased in his life time or to the said James Clerke since his decease hitherto to render or pay the said Charles Ridgely deceased in his life time, and the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely since his death have altogether refused and the said Rebecca and John still do refuse to the damage of the said James Clerke in the sum of ten thousand pounds current money aforesaid, and in delay of the execution of the administration aforesaid, and therefore he brings suit and Soforth, and brings here into Court as well the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Charles Ridgely and bearing date the day and year aforesaid, as the letters of administration aforesaid which the commission of the administration aforesaid to the said James Clerke in form aforesaid Witnesseth.

William Cooke pr. Plaintiff Pledges and soforth. John Doe and Richard Roe

Oyer of the writing obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and of the condition thereof follow.

Know all men by these presents, that we Charles Ridgely, son of John and Benjamin Nicholson of Baltimore county merchants are held & firmly bound unto James Russell of London merchant in the sum of three thousand & eleven pounds four shillings and four pence sterling money of Great Britain to be paid to the said James Russell or to his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals, dated the twenty second day of June in the years of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

The Condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden Charles Ridgely son of & Benjamin Nicholson their heirs, executors and administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid, unto the above named James Russell, or to his certain attorney, executors, administrators, or assigns the just and full sum of one thousand five hundred and five pounds twelve shillings and two pence sterling at or upon the twenty second day of December next with lawful interest for the same without fraud or further delay, then the above obligation to be void and of

of none effect, or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of — Chas. Ridgely son of Jno. (Seal)
Charles Graham — Benjn. Nicholson (Seal)

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and oyer was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which said second tuesday of May to wit. the tenth day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety one, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes here into our General Court the said James Clerke administrator as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Baltimore county to whom the same writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the court here thus endorsed to wit.

Cepi, Copy left with Rebecca Ridgely April 18th
with John Ridgely May 5th } Thos. Rutter Sheriff

And the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely executors as aforesaid by Luther Martin their Attorney come and defend the force and injury when and Soforth, and pray leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit, the second tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the same month anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety one, come again here into our General Court as well the said James Clerke administrator as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely executors as aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid; And the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely executors as aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and soforth, and pray further leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit, the second tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same month anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety two, come again here into our General Court as well the the said James Clerke administrator as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid: And the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and Soforth, and pray further leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until next Court; and they have it: and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. –

At which said next Court to wit, the second tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety two, come again here into our General Court as well the said James Clerke administrator as aforesaid, by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely executors as aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid. And the said Rebecca Ridgely and John Ridgely executors as aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when