aforesaid, as follows, to wit, Western Shore State of Maryland Frederick County, ss. George Schnertzell late of Frederick County Gentleman otherwise called George Schnertzell of Frederick County was summoned to answer unto John Davidson of Annapolis merchant of a plea, that he render unto him the full and just sum of Three thousand three hundred and seventy one pounds one shilling current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and soforth. And whereupon the said John by Philip Barton Key his attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid George on the sixteenth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one at Frederick County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid John in the aforesaid sum of Three Thousand three hundred and seventy one Pounds one shilling current money to be paid to him the said John when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid George (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Three thousand three hundred and seventy one Pounds one shilling current money to him the said John hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse: Wherefore he saith that he is the worse, and hath damage, to the value of four thousand Pounds current money and therefore he brings suit, and soforth: and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid George which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, Witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and soforth.

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And the aforesaid George by Joshua Dorsey his attorney, comes and defends the force and injury, when, and soforth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the condition thereof, and he hath them in the words following, to wit,

State of Maryland Know all men by these presents that we George Jacob Schley, George Schnertzell, Leonard Lantz and John Schley all of Frederick County are held and firmly bound unto John Davidson of Annapolis Merchant in the full and Just sum of Three Thousand three hundred and seventy one Pounds, one shilling current money to be paid unto the said John Davidson his certain attorney executors, administrators or assigns: To which payment well and truly to be made

made and done we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this sixteenth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound George Jacob Schley do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Davidson his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns the Just and full sum of sixteen hundred and eighty five Pounds ten shillings and six pence currency in Gold or silver rating spanish milled Dollars at seven shillings and six pence each on or before the first day of August seventeen hundred and ninety one with legal interest for the same from that day inclusive then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed and delivered — George Jacob Schley (seal)
In the presence of — George Schnertzell (seal)
Geo. Murdock — Leonard Lantz (seal)
Swirdmin Rorgozoret — John Schley (seal)

This Bond was taken for a sum lent equal to that expressed in the within Condition and notwithstanding the expressions in the within Bond I hereby agree that if the within named obligors or either of them do and shall on the day of payment within mentioned pay or cause to be paid the full amount of interest due to that time with one third part of the principal sum then twelve months indulgence shall be given on the balance: and if at the expiration of the said Indulgence of twelve months the whole Interest then due and one half Part of the principal sum shall be then paid a farther indulgence of twelve months longer shall be granted for the balance.

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Copies of which said declaration and oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, with the said writ, thereon endorsed "to be served on the defendant, with the writ, or left at his place of abode. twenty days at least before the return of the said writ, for plea or Judgment the first Court."

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and the day of the return of the foregoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said John Davidson by Philip Barton Key his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Frederick County aforesaid, to