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At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the ninth day of the said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety two, and the day of the return of the foregoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said John Forbes by Philip Barton Key his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to wit, James Simmes Gentleman, to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit, – Defpi Copy left 21st March James Simms Sheriff. And the said Richard Edelin by Thomas D. Merrick his attorney, appears in Court here: and thereupon, on motion of the said John Forbes by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Richard Edelin special bail in the plea aforesaid: whereupon the said Richard Edelin by his attorney aforesaid, files in Court here a certain bail piece, and which being approved of by the Court here, is in form following, to wit, John Forbes Plaintiff against Richard Edelin Defendant. You James Boarman and Francis M. Ware do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Richard Edelin at the suit of the said John Forbes in an action of Debt brought by the said John Forbes against the said Richard Edelin in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content this 21 day March 1793. Before

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court — M. S. Stone Chief Justice Charles County Court.

I hereby direct Thomas D. Merrick Esq. to appear for me in the above suit. — Richd Edelen

And thereupon, on motion of the said John Forbes by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Richard Edelen answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said John Forbes in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof: and the said Richard Edelen by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when, and soforth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle unto the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said John Forbes in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted: the same day is given to the said John Forbes also:

At which said second Tuesday October being the ninth day of the said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, to which said day the said Richard Edelen had leave to imparle, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said John Forbes in the plea aforesaid, comes again into the General Court here, as well the said John Forbes by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Edelen by his attorney aforesaid: and the said Richard

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Richard Edelen by his attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and soforth. and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and also of the Condition thereof and to him they are read: which being read and heard the said Richard Edelen says that the said John Forbes his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not; because he saith that he the said Richard Edelen did pay unto the said John Forbes the sum of ninety six Pounds fifteen shillings and eight Pence current money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said writing obligatory and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said John Forbes his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and soforth. And the said John Forbes by his attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said Richard Edelen above in pleading alleged from having and maintaining his action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said Richard Edelen did not pay unto him the said John Forbes the aforesaid sum of money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in manner and form as the said Richard Edelen above by pleading hath alledged and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and the said Richard Edelen in like manner and soforth. Therefore let a Jury thereupon appear before the Court here on the second Tuesday of October next, by whom, and soforth. and who neither, and soforth. to recognize and soforth. because as well, and soforth. the same day is given to the said parties there and there and soforth.

And now at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three comes again into the General Court here, as well the said John Forbes by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Edelen by his attorney aforesaid: and the said Richard Edelen by his attorney aforesaid, relinquishing the averment aforesaid, above by him pretended, says, that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said John Forbes so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the said John Forbes the said sum of one hundred and ninety three Pounds eleven shillings and six pence current money, in manner and form aforesaid, as the said John

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