tenor following, to wit. The State of Maryland, &c. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County. Greeting. We command you that you take Stephen West late of Prince Georges County merchant if he shall be found in your bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, to answer unto Thomas Pomeroy of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and Soforth. Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, the 12th day of June Anno Domini 1788. (WB.)

Issued the first day of July 1788. Jno. Gwinn, Clk.

and the said Thomas Pomeroy by his attorney aforesaid, on the day of Prosecuting and suing forth of the aforesaid writ, declared against the said Stephen West in the plea aforesaid in form following, to wit. Western Shore State of Maryland Prince Georges County, to wit, Stephen West late of Prince Georges County Merchant was attached to answer unto Thomas Pomeroy of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and Soforth. And whereupon the said Thomas by William Cooke his attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Stephen and a certain John Hobson now deceased and whom the said Stephen hath survived in the lifetime of him the said John on the twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy six at Prince Georges County aforesaid were indebted unto the said Thomas and a certain Bartholomew Pomeroy now deceased in the lifetime of the said Bartholomew by the name firm and description of Bartholomew Pomeroy and son in the sum of two hundred and twenty eight Pounds seven shillings and ten pence sterling money of Great Britain for Sundry Articles properly chargeable in an account as by a particular account thereof herewith into Court brought may appear and being so thereof indebted the aforesaid Stephen and John in the lifetime of him the said John in consideration thereof afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon themselves assumed and to the said Thomas and Bartholomew in the lifetime of the said Bartholomew then and there faithfully promised that they the said Stephen West and John Hobson the aforesaid sum of money to them the Thomas and Bartholomew by the name firm and description of Bartholomew Pomeroy and son when afterwards they the said Stephen and John should be thereunto required would well and truly content and pay and Whereas afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid the said Stephen West and John Hobson now deceased and whom the said Stephen hath survived in the lifetime of him the

the said John were indebted unto the said Thomas and a certain Bartholomew Pomeroy now deceased in the lifetime of the said Bartholomew by the name firm and description of Bartholomew Pomeroy and son in one other sum of two hundred and twenty eight Pounds seven shillings and ten pence sterling money of Great Britain for diverse goods wares and merchandyes before that time there sold and delivered to the said Stephen and John by the said Thomas and Bartholomew at the special instance and request of the said Stephen and John and being so thereof indebted the said Stephen and John afterwards, to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid in the lifetime of the said then and there faithfully promised the last aforesaid sum of sterling money to them the said Thomas and Bartholomew by the name firm and description of Bartholomew Pomeroy and son when afterwards they the said Stephen and John should be thereunto required would well and truly content and pay and Whereas afterwards, to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid in consideration that the said Thomas and a certain Bartholomew Pomeroy now deceased whom the said Thomas hath survived under the firm name and description of Bartholomew Pomeroy and son had before that Time there sold and delivered to the said Stephen and a certain John Hobson now deceased whom the said Stephen hath survived in the lifetime of the said John diverse other goods wares and merchandizes at the special instance and request of the said Stephen and John they the said Stephen and John then and there assumed and to the said Thomas and Bartholomew by the name firm and description of Bartholomew Pomeroy and son faithfully promised that they the said Stephen and John would well and truly pay and satisfy to the said Thomas and Bartholomew as much sterling money for the goods wares and merchandizes last mentioned as the same were reasonably worth at the Time of the sale and delivery thereof and the said Thomas in fact saith that the goods wares and merchandize last mentioned at the time of the sale and delivery thereof were reasonably worth one other sum of two hundred and twenty eight pounds seven shillings and ten pence sterling money to wit, at the County aforesaid of which the said Thomas and Bartholomew in the lifetime of the said Bartholomew afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid to the said Stephen and John in the lifetime of the said John gave notice. And the said Thomas in fact saith that the said several and respective sums of sterling money aforesaid at the time of the several and respective promises and assumptions aforesaid were and always since have been

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