Maryland, are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Beatty collector of the Tax in the same County & State in the just & full Sum of Two thousand pounds current money to be paid to the Said Thomas Beatty his certain Attorney, Heirs, Executors, administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truely to be made and done, we bind ourselves, and each of our Heirs, Executors, and administrators jointly and severally in and for the whole firmly by these, sealed with our seals and dated the 13th day of January Seventeen hundred and eighty six: Whereas the Said Thomas Beatty by virtue of the powers in him vested as Collector of the Tax for the said County of Frederick in the present year of our Lord 1786. hath constituted ordained and appointed the above bounden William Beckwith his deputy hereby giving and granting to the Said Deputy full powers to collect all taxes & public dues payable to the Said Thomas Beatty which shall be deemed properly assessable or levyable within District pt. No. 9. & No. 8. including Upper Hetocton Toms Creek & Middle Hetocton hundreds under the following provisos restrictions and limitations viz. 1st That he the said Deputy shall and will collect the said tax according to and within the time limitted by law. 2d That he the said Deputy in laying off any Distress for the recovery of any of the said Tax shall first have the advice and concurrence of the said Thomas Beatty and shall abide his directions therein. 3d That he the said Deputy shall and will, once in each month respectively during the said time in which he shall collect as aforesaid, account with and pay in to the Said Thomas Beatty, or other person, authorised by him to account with and receive the same all such Sum or Sums of money he may or shall have received or collected from time to time as aforesaid. 4th That he the said Deputy shall and will complete & finish his collection of the Tax as aforesaid, the insolvencies allowed to the Said Thomas Beatty only excepted. 5th That he the said Deputy shall and will, well and sufficiently save harmless and indemnify the Said Thomas Beatty in every respect whatsoever for and on account of any tax or arrearage of tax uncollected or unaccounted for by the Said Deputy to the Said Thomas Beatty within the time limitted by law, and shall also suffer all the pains, penalties and forfeitures to be incurred by reason of any stretch or undue use of his power within Said Dist. No. 9. & pt. 8. and 6th That he the Said Deputy shall have and receive to his own use for his labour and service in collecting the Said tax or taxes as aforesaid one equal half part of all fees allowed by law to the collector in collecting the same and no more: Now the Condition of the aforegoing obligation is such that if the above bounden William Beckwith do and shall well, truely and faithfully collect all taxes, assessments and public dues, properly assessable or levyable within the Said District part No. 9. & 8. according to and within the time limitted by law, and shall well, truely and faithfully stand to, abide by, perform and fulfill the Said Collection, according to and agreable to the Several provisos, restrictions and limitations before mentioned, then the aforegoing obligation to be void

void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
Benj. Beckwith.
Benj. Beckwith.

William Beckwith (Seal)
William Head (Seal)
Michael Troutman (Seal)

At which said Second tuesday of May being the Eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety two, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here the Said Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Washington County, to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here, and certifies, that he hath taken the body of the Said William Beckwith, and him hath ready in Court here to answer unto the Said Thomas Beatty, as by the Said writ he was commanded: And the Said William Beckwith by Luther Martin his attorney answers to the Said writ of the Said Thomas Beatty in the plea aforesaid, and says he ought not to defend the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the Second tuesday of October next; to him it is granted, and the same day is given to the Said Thomas Beatty also.

At which said Second tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety two to which said day the said William Beckwith had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here, as well the Said Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid, as the Said William Beckwith by his attorney aforesaid: And the Said William Beckwith by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the Said Thomas Beatty his action aforesaid thereof against him to have and maintain ought not because he saith that from the time of the Execution of the Said Bond to this time, he the Said William Beckwith hath well and faithfully observed performed and fulfilled every thing in the Said Condition mentioned on his part to be performed according to the form and effect of the Said Condition to wit, at Frederick County aforesaid; and this he is ready to verify Wherefore he prays Judgment if the Said Thomas Beatty his action aforesaid against him to have and maintain ought & so forth. Thereupon the Said Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid, prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the Second tuesday of May next, and then to Reply to the plea aforesaid of the Said William Beckwith in the action aforesaid; to him it is granted, and the same day is given to the Said William Beckwith also.

At which said Second tuesday of May being the Fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety three, to which said day the Said Thomas Beatty had leave to imparle and then to Reply, come again into the General Court here, as well the Said Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid, as the Said William Beckwith by his attorney aforesaid; Thereupon on motion of the Said William Beckwith by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the Said Thomas Beatty Reply to the Answer aforesaid of the Said William Beckwith in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default hereof. And the Said Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle, until the Second tuesday of October