case made and provided, action hath accrued unto him the said Humphrey to demand and have of them the said Thomas, Mary & Lloyd the aforesaid sum of one hundred & nine pounds seven shillings sterling money. And the said Humphrey in fact saith that the aforesaid sum of one hundred & nine pounds seven shillings sterling money at the time of making the writing obligatory aforesaid was, always hitherto hath been and still is of the value of one hundred and eighty two pounds five shillings current money, (court, at the county aforesaid. Nevertheless the said Tobias deceased in his life time, & the said Thomas, Mary and Lloyd (which said Thomas is son & heir of the said Tobias, and which said Mary & Lloyd are Devisees of the said Tobias of divers lands & tenements as aforesaid by his last will and testament made at Prince Georges County) aforesaid whereof the said Tobias at the time of his decease had the power of disposing by his said last will) after the death of him the said Tobias (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of One hundred and nine pounds seven shillings sterling money or the value thereof as aforesaid or any part thereof to him the said Humphrey have, not, nor hath any of them rendered or paid, but the same sum of money to him the said Humphrey or any part thereof hitherto to render or pay the said Thomas, Mary and Lloyd have altogether refused and still do refuse to the Damage of him the said Humphrey in the sum of Six hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings suit & so forth, and brings here into Court as well the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of him the said Tobias, whose date is the day & year first aforesaid, as the assignment aforesaid which the Bell and assignment aforesaid in form aforesaid testify & so forth.

Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

W. Cooke p Pltff.

Know all Men by these presents, that I Tobias Bell of Prince Georges county in the Province of Maryland Gent. am held and firmly bound unto Doctor John Sprigg of the County & Province aforesaid in the full and just sum of One hundred & nine pounds seven shillings sterling money of Brittain to be paid unto the said Doctor John Sprigg his certain Attorney Executors, administrators or assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs, Executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal, and dated this thirtieth day of October Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety three: The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Tobias Bell do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Doctor John Sprigg his certain Attorney Executors, administrators or assigns, the just and full sum of Fifty four pounds thirteen shillings & six pence sterling money of Great Brittain at or upon the thirtieth day October next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest for the same, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Tobias Bell ... (Seal)

Maryland St. Then came Richard Sprigg administrator of Dr. John Sprigg party to the within Bond and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court for the State aforesaid, that the said Doctor Sprigg hath (not

not to the knowledge of this Deponent or by any Books, writings, account or other thing appearing to him received any part or parcel Security or satisfaction for the same more than Credit given, and likewise, that he this Deponent hath not received any part of the same Debt or satisfaction for the same more than Credit given on the Bond.

Sworn before ... R. Goldsborough.

I hereby assign all my right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever as administrator of Dr. John Sprigg to the within Bond to Mr. Humphrey Bell, as witness my hand and seal this Thirtieth day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one.

Rich: Sprigg (Seal)

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 and the day of the return of the aforesaid writ, comes into the General Court here, the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges 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 Lloyd Bell and hath him in Court here to answer to the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid, and that the said Thomas Bell and Mary Bell were not to be found in his bailiwick, whereby he could have taken their bodies to answer to the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid as by the said writ he was commanded: And the Sheriff of Washington County, to whom the Duplicate of 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 Thomas Bell and hath him in Court here to answer to the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid, and that the said Mary Bell and Lloyd Bell were not to be found in his bailiwick, whereby he could have taken their bodies to answer to the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid as by the said writ he was commanded. And the said Thomas Bell Heir as aforesaid by John Thomson Mason Esqr. his attorney, (who produced and appeared in Court here) Mary Bell by Arthur Shaaff her attorney, and Lloyd Bell Devisee as aforesaid by Philip Barton Key his attorney, defend the force and injury when and so forth, and pray leave of the Court here to imparle until the Second tuesday of May next; to them it is granted, and the same day is given to the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid 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 Bell Heir as aforesaid, Mary Bell and Lloyd Bell Devisee as aforesaid had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Thomas Bell Heir as aforesaid, Mary Bell and Lloyd Bell Devisee as aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid: Thereupon, on motion of the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid, It is prayed by the Court here, that the said Thomas Bell Heir as aforesaid, Mary Bell and Lloyd Bell Devisee as aforesaid answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here, will be rendered against him in Default hereof: And the said Thomas Bell Heir as aforesaid, Mary Bell and Lloyd Bell Devisee as aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, defend the force and injury (as before) when and so forth, and pray leave of the Court here further to imparle until the Second tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, and to them it is granted, the same day is given to the said Humphrey Bell assignee as aforesaid also.

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