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W.C. James Gordon & others
vs
John Cartwright Ashcom
Son & Heir of Charles Ashcom.

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Be it Remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the twenty seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two the said James Gordon Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe and William Ingram, by William Cooke his attorney sued out of the General Court the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in the words and figures, following, to wit.

The State of Maryland, &c, To the Sheriff of Charles County, Greeting, We command you that you take John Cartwright Ashcom late of Charles County Planter son and Heir of Charles Ashcom deceased otherwise called Charles Ashcom of Saint Marys County 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 next to answer unto James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior Alexander Lowe and William Ingram of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of Four hundred and seventy pounds two shillings and nine pence Current Money which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains and so forth, Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honourable Samuel Chase Esquire, chief Judge of our said Court, the 30th day of June Anno Dominini 1792.

Issued 27th day of July 1792. (W.C.) John Gwinn, Clk.

And the aforesaid James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe and William Ingram by their attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid writ filed in Court here, the following Declaration and Oyer of Bond, a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said writ to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit,

Western Shore State of Maryland, Saint Marys County, &c. John Cartwright Ashcom late of Saint Marys County planter son and Heir of Charles Ashcom deceased otherwise called Charles Ashcom of Saint Marys County was summoned to answer unto James Gordon Henry Riddle, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior Alexander Lowe and William Ingram of a plea, that he render unto them the full and just sum of Four hundred and seventy

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pounds two shillings and nine pence Current Money which to them he owes and from them he unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said James Gordon, Henry Riddle, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe and William Ingram by William Cooke their attorney, say that whereas the aforesaid Charles Ashcom in his life time on the third day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the aforesaid James Gordon Henry Riddle, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior Alexander Lowe and William Ingram by the names and description of James Gordon and Company in the aforesaid sum of four hundred and seventy pounds two shillings and nine pence Current Money to be paid to them the said James Gordon, Henry Riddle John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe and William Ingram when afterwards he should be thereunto required. for the payment whereof the said Charles by the said Writing Obligatory bound himself and his Heirs, Nevertheless the aforesaid Charles in his Life and the said John Cartwright Ashcom since his decease (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Current Money to them the said James Gordon, Henry Riddle, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe and William Ingram or to either of them hath not rendered or paid, but the same sum of Current Money to them hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused, and the said John Cartwright Ashcom still doth refuse; wherefore the said James Gordon, Henry Riddle John Campbell, John Campbell Junior Alexander Lowe and William Ingram say they are the worse, and have damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current Money and therefore they bring suit, and so forth, and bring here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Charles Ashcom in his Life, which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth.

W. Cooke for the Plaintiff. Pledges, and so forth } John Doe. and Richard Roe.

And the aforesaid John Cartwright Ashcom by his Attorney, comes and defends the force and injury, when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the condition thereof, and he hath them in the words following, to wit,

Maryland, to wit, Know all Men by these presents that I Charles Ashcom of Saint Marys County am held and firmly bound unto James

Gordon