Seven hundred and eighty one pounds of Tobacco for his damages which he hath sustained as well by occasion of the detention of the said Debt as for his costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf expended, adjudged unto the same John Salmon by the Court here, with his assent; and the said James White Hall in Mercy and so forth.

Memorandum. Judgment was confessed in this action on the fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four, for penalty and costs of Suit, penalty to be released on payment of principal Interest and Costs, with an agreement that all payments should be allowed, and stay of Execution till the first day of January next.

Test, John Gwinn, Clerk.

LM

William Vanderstegen,
Vs
Essex Sherburn Ridley,
Susanna Ann Ridley, and
Matilda Frances Ridley, Heirs
of Mathew Ridley.

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DM.

Be it Remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four the said William Vanderstegen by Luther Martin his attorney sued out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Baltimore County in the words and figures following, to wit;

The State of Maryland, &c. To the Sheriff of Baltimore County, Greeting. We command you that you take Essex Sherburne Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley late of Baltimore County Heirs of Mathew Ridley deceased otherwise called Matthew Ridley of Tower Hill London, if they shall be found in your bailiwick, and them safe keep, so that you have their bodies before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto William Vanderstegen of a plea that they render unto him the sum of five thousand pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain of the Value of Eight thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Current Money of Maryland which from him they unjustly detain and so forth. And of Sail 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 12th day of November anno Domini 1793.

Issued the 5 day of April 1794. LM. John Gwinn Clerk.

And now here at this day to wit the said second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come into the General Court

here the said William Vanderstegen by Luther Martin his attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Baltimore County, to wit; Robert Gorsuch Gentleman to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus indorsed, to wit;

Cepi Omnes, Robert Gorsuch, Sheriff.

And the said Essex Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley Heirs at Law as aforesaid come into the General Court here and suggest that they are Infants under the age of twenty one years and pray that a guardian may be assigned and appointed by the Court here to defend for them of and upon the premises; Thereupon the Court here appoint David McMechen Esquire Guardian to the said Essex Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley to defend for them the said Essex Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley, so being Infants under the age of twenty one years as aforesaid who being present accepts of the said Guardianship, Thereupon the said William Vanderstegen by his attorney aforesaid declares against the said Essex Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley Heirs at Law as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid in form following, to wit;

Western Shore of Maryland, Baltimore County, &c. Essex Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley late of Baltimore County Heirs of Mathew Ridley deceased otherwise called Matthew Ridley of Tower Hill London were summoned to answer unto William Vanderstegan of a plea that they render unto him the full and just five thousand pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain of the value of Eight thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Current Money of Maryland which from him they unjustly detain and so forth. And whereupon the said William Vanderstegen by Luther Martin his attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid Matthew Ridley in his Life time on the seventeenth day of July in the year One thousand seven hundred and seventy two at Baltimore County aforesaid, by his certain Writing Obligatory, acknowledged, himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid William Vanderstegan in the aforesaid sum of five hundred pounds lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to him the said William Vanderstegan when afterwards he should be thereunto required; And the said William Vanderstegan in fact saith the said sum of lawful Money of Great Britain at the time of making the said Writing Obligatory aforesaid was always since hath been and yet is of the value of Eight thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Current Money, to wit; at Baltimore County aforesaid. Nevertheless the aforesaid Mathew in his life time (although often,