said Matthew Ridley being Infants and under the age of twenty one years by the said David McMecken their Guardian specially appointed by the Court here as aforesaid to defend them in this Cause come and defend: the force and injury when and so forth and say they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said William, nor but that the writing aforesaid is the writing of the said Matthew Ridley deceased nor but that they are the children and Heirs at Law of the said Matthew Ridley nor but that they owe to the said William the said sum of Money, in the manner and form in which the said Daniel above against him hath declared: And the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley by their said Guardian say that the said Matthew Ridley at the time of his death, to wit, on the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine was seiz and possessed of the following parcels of Land, to wit; one Lot of Ground in Hanover Street in Baltimore Town in Baltimore County Number thirty two with the Houses Buildings and improvements thereon, also one Tract of Land called Stepney Causeway containing five hundred and five Acres of Land one other piece of Land being part of a tract of Land called Milford enlarged one other piece of Land being part of a Tract of Land called Hammonds rich Land, one other piece of Land being part of a Tract of Land called Wells's Manor and also one piece of Ground containing six acres all all of the said Lands lying and being in Baltimore County aforesaid and died Intestate leaving Issue the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley his Children and Heirs at Law after whose death the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley entered as Heirs at Law and were seised and are now seised of the said Lands and premisses as Tenants in common in their demesne as of Fee, subject to the right of Dower thereof in Catherine Ridley the Widow of the said Matthew Ridley deceased: And the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley do aver that they had no Lands in Fee by Hereditary Descent from the said Matthew but the Lands and premises aforesaid and this they are ready to verify; wherefore they pray Judgment if the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley as Heirs at Law of the said Matthew Ridley ought to be charged with the said Debt by virtue of the writing obligatory aforesaid except the Lands and Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances whereof they are now seised as Heirs at Law of the said Matthew — and so forth.

And for that the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Anna Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley do not deny the said action of the said William Vandeusteegan nor but that they the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley owe to the said William Vandeusteegan the said sum of Current Money the value of the said Sum of Sterling money in Manner and form as the said William Vandeusteegan above against them hath declared, the said William Vandeusteegan prays Judgment and his Debt aforesaid together with his damages sustained as well by occasion of the detention of the said Debt as his Costs and Costs by him about his Suit in this behalf expended to be levied of the said parcels of Land with their appurtenances

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in the plea aforesaid of the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Francis Ridley.

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said William Vandeusteegan recover against the said Efsea Sherburn Ridley, Susanna Ann Ridley and Matilda Frances Ridley heirs at Law as aforesaid as well the said sum of Eight thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six Shillings and eight pence Current Money the value of the said sum of Five thousand pounds Sterling Money his Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as the quantity of Seven hundred and fifty eight pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto the said William Vandeusteegan on his assent adjudged for his Damages which he hath sustained as well by means of detaining the said Debt as for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended to be levied of the said parcels of Land, to wit; One Lot of Ground in Hanover Street in Baltimore Town in Baltimore County Number thirty two, with the Houses Buildings and Improvements thereon, also one Tract of Land called Steps Causeway containing five hundred and five Acres of Land one other piece of Land being part of a Tract of Land called Milford Enlarged one other piece of Land being part of a Tract of Land called Hammonds Rich Land, one other piece of Land being part of a Tract of Land called Wells's Manor and also one piece of Ground containing six Acres all of the said Land — lying and being in Baltimore County aforesaid with their appurtenances and so forth and that the said William Vandeusteegan have thereof Execution and so forth.

Memorandum, Judgment rendered in this Cause on the twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four, for execution for the Lands — confessed in the plea

Test, John Grimm, Clerk.