on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that you or any three or two of you, cause notice to be given to the parties or their Attorneys, of the execution of this Commission before you execute the same; and having reduced the Depositions of the witnesses, so taken by you or any three or two of you, into writing, you send the same with with this our commission closed under your or any three, or two of your hands and Seals, to us in our said Court with all convenient speed. Witness the Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the fifteenth day of June anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Issued the 16th day of July 1793. } Jno Gwinn Clk.
Arthur Shaaf Esqr for Plaintiff
J T Mason Esqr for Defendt

And the said Henry Schnebely Executor as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle until next term; and he hath it; the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court, to wit the second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three comes again into the General Court here the said Christopher Sites by Arthur Shaaf and Philip Barton Key his Attorneys, and the said Henry Schnebely Executor as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid; and the said Henry Schnebely Executor as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave of the Court here to imparle until the next Court; and he hath it; the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of May being thirteenth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four come again into the General Court here the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, and the said Henry Schnebely Executor as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here an Affidavit the Tenor whereof is as follows

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit

Christopher Sites for the use of George Shepler Plaintiff vs Henry Schnebely Executor of John Booger Defendant	An Action of Debt now depending in the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland.

Henry Schnebly the Defendant above named this day personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and being first sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty

God, deposeth and saith, that he does not believe the writing Obligatory upon which this Action is founded, is the Deed of the above named John Booger deceased. That if John Booger aforesaid did execute the writing aforesaid by making his mark thereto that he the said John Booger, at the time of doing so was deceived and imposed upon as to the meaning, purport and contents of the said writing. That the said John Booger when alive was remarkable for his avarice, and stinginess which made him deny himself almost every Comfort and even necessary of life. That at the time the aforesaid writing is pretended to have been executed, the Plaintiff Christopher Sites was a Tenant to the said John Booger, was a very poor man, and for many years had born, and still does bear the Character of a very dishonest, worthless man. The said John Booger was a German who could neither speak or understand the English language. That he the said John Booger lived in a Neighbourhood very thickly inhabited and had several German, and American Neighbours very respectable Men living within sight of his house, and a very small distance therefrom. That George Elder, and James Beall, the only two subscribing Witnesses to this pretended Obligation, at the time the same is said to have been executed, lived, and still do live without the State of Maryland at a great distance from John Booger's house, not less than seventy miles, as this Deponent is informed and believes to be true. That this Deponent has been informed and believes it to be true, that the said George Elder and James Beall can neither of them speak or understand the German Language; that they were both strangers, having neither business or connection in the Neighbourhood of John Booger. That this Deponent hath inquired in the Neighbourhood where George Elder & James Beall have lived for many years and are well known as to their general Character, and that he has been informed and believes it to be true, that they are both of them, Men of most infamous character. That this Deponent has been informed and believes it to be true, that the said James Beall has confessed and declared that the said writing was fraudulently imposed upon and obtained from the said John Booger, who was informed and made to believe at the time he signed the same that it was a receipt for rent which had been due from & paid by him the said Christopher Sites to the said John Booger. That this Deponent has been also informed that the said John Booger when he signed the said writing was informed and made to believe that the said writing was a Lease of Lands from him the said John Booger to the said Christopher Sites. And this deponent doth depose & answer that he does believe that the said

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