and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come hereunto our General Court the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid by William Cooke their Attorney aforesaid, And the Sheriff of Prince Georges County to whom the said aforegoing writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, this endorsed to wit.

Cepi Copy left 22d. March. Bail piece. Wm. J. Johnson Shff.

And the said Henry Hardy being called upon appears And at the prayer of the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid the said Henry Hardy is adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid Whereupon the said Henry Hardy by Thomas Dutton Merrick his Attorney files in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit.

John Laird & Thomas Dick. Executors of Robert Dick against Henry Hardey.

You Leonard Townsend and Hezekiah Young do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for Henry Hardy at the Suit of John Laird & Thomas Dick Exr. of Robert Dick in an Action of Debt brought by the said John Laird & Thomas Dick Exr. of Robert Dick against the said Henry Hardey in the General Court for the Western Shore, to be held in the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday in May next; they acknowledge themselves content therewith this third day of May seventeen hundred and ninety four. Francis C. Dyer

Acknowledged before. Nich. Young.

I Henry Hardy empower, authorize and appoint Thomas D. Merrick Esquire, to appear for me in the above Action, Given under my Hand and Seal, this third day of May seventeen hundred and ninety four. Henry Hardey.

Witness, Notley Maddox.

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.

And the aforesaid Henry Hardey by Thomas Dutton Merrick his Attorney aforesaid comes and defends the force and injury when and soforth, And prays leave of the Court to Imparle hereunto untill next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety four, come again here into our General Court

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as well the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Henry Hardy by his Attorney aforesaid, And the aforesaid Henry Hardey by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and soforth, And saith that the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not Ve because he saith that he the said Henry Hardey did pay unto the said Robert Dick in his life time the said sum of Money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with Legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said Writing obligatory and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c.

And the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid say, that they by any thing by the said Henry Hardey above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining their Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded, because they say, that the aforesaid Henry Hardey did not pay unto the aforesaid Robert Dick in his life time the aforesaid sum of Money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the aforesaid Henry Hardey above by pleading hath alledged, and of this they pray may be enquired of by the Country, And the aforesaid Henry Hardey in like manner and soforth. Therefore let a Jury thereupon appear before the Judges of our General Court here on the second Tuesday of May next, by whom &c. and who neither and soforth to recognize &c. because as well &c. the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and there &c.

And now here at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of May, being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Henry Hardey in his proper person, Whereupon it is ruled by the Court that the Defendant in this Cause employ new Counsel this Term, his former Counsel being dead. Nevertheless the aforesaid Henry Hardey by William Kilty his Attorney comes again here into Court and relinquishing the averment aforesaid above by him

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