Western Shore for the time being the just and full sum of Three hundred and sixty four pounds in gold and silver rating Milled Dollars at seven shillings and six pence and other Gold and Silver at the rates mentioned in an Act entitled "An Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &c" passed May Session 1781 or in Bills of Credit of the Emission of the tenth of May 1784. to the actual value thereof in the proportions and on the days following to wit, one third part thereof as aforesaid on or before the first day of September 1783. with legal Interest thereon, one third part thereof as aforesaid on or before the first day of September 1783, with legal Interest thereon and the other third part thereof as aforesaid on or before the first day of September 1784. with legal Interest thereon then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue. Elam Bailey (Seal)
Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of F. Yates.

True Copy taken from Liber TBH No 2. folio 32 one of the General Court Land Record Books. Test. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Oyer was made and sent with the Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety three and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into our General Court the aforesaid Luther Martin Esquire Attorney General for the said State who for the said State prosecuteth. And the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the said aforegoing Writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit,

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And the said Sheriff although being called upon to bring into Court here the Body of the said Elam Bailey according to his return of the Writ aforesaid, brings him not in, but makes default, Whereupon it is adjudged by the Court here, that the said Sheriff be Amerced the Debt aforesaid, and also all such Costs and charges as have or may accrue in the Action aforesaid, in case he hath not the Body of the said Elam Bailey in Court here, on the second day of the next Court, the same day is given to the aforesaid Luther Martin Esquire Attorney General for the said State, who for the said State prosecuteth also. At which said next Court,

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to wit, the second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety four, comes again here into our General Court the aforesaid Luther Martin Esquire Attorney General for the said State who for the said State prosecuteth, And the said Sheriff being further called upon to bring into Court here, the Body of the said Elam Bailey whom this day he ought to have here in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid and to save the Amercement aforesaid brings here in, Whereupon it is adjudged by the Court here, that the Amercement aforesaid be struck out. And the said Elam Bailey by Richard Ridgely his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth And prays leave of the Court to Imparle hereunto untill next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the aforesaid Luther Martin Esquire Attorney General for the said State who for the said State prosecuteth 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 comes again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid Luther Martin Esquire Attorney General for the said State who for the said State prosecuteth, as the aforesaid Elam Bailey by his Attorney aforesaid, And the aforesaid Elam Bailey by his Attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the Writing obligatory aforesaid, and of the Condition thereof, which are as follow, to wit — Maryland, ss, Know all Men by these presents that We Elam Bailey, John Dorsey and David Rush all of Baltimore County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of Seven hundred and twenty eight pounds Gold Currency to be paid to the said State of Maryland to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, We bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this Eighth day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Elam Bailey do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the Treasurer of the Western Shore for the time being the just and full sum of Three hundred and sixty four pounds in Gold and Silver rating Milled Dollars at Seven shillings

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