either of them to content or pay he the said John Groves hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore they the said John Petty, Joseph Yates and Richard Yates say they are the worse and have Damage to the value of Five hundred pounds Current Money and therefore they bring suit and so forth W. Cooke ℘ Plaintiffs pledges and so forth Jn. Doe, Richard Roe.

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

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety three, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ come here into our General Court the aforesaid John Petty Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by William Cooke their Attorney aforesaid And the Sheriff of Anne Arundel 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.

Cepi Copy left 16th. April 1793 Wm. Goldsmith Shff.

And the said John Groves being called upon appears And at the prayer of the aforesaid John Petty Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by their Attorney aforesaid, the said John Groves is adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid Whereupon the said John Groves by William Pinkney and Gabriel Duvall his Attornies files in Court here, the following Bail piece to wit.

John Petty & Comp.a against John Groves	Upon Thomas Boyd of Prince Georges County and Solomon Groves of Anne Arundel County do jointly and severally acknowledge ourselves special Bail for

John Groves at the suit of John Petty & Company in an Action on the Case brought by the said John Petty & Company against the said John Groves in the General Court for the Western Shore, to be held in the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday in May instant, they acknowledge themselves content therewith the 23d. day of May seventeen hundred and ninety three.

Acknowledged before Jn. Randall, Jd. Machubin

I do hereby impower, authorise and appoint William Pinkney and Gabriel Duvall Esquires to appear for me in the above Action. Given unto my Hand and Seal this 23d. day of May seventeen

(hundred)

hundred and ninety three. John Groves (seal)

Witness John Randall.

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.

And the aforesaid John Groves by his Attornies aforesaid 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 John Petty, Joseph Yates and Richard Yates also.

At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety three come again into our General Court as well the aforesaid Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by William Cooke their Attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid John Groves by his Attorney's aforesaid, And the aforesaid Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by their Attorney aforesaid suggest to the Court here that after the last continuance of the Action aforesaid, to wit, the second Tuesday of May last past, and before this time, to wit, on the day of last past, the aforesaid John Petty one of the parties Plaintiff and partner with them the aforesaid Joseph Yates and Richard Yates in this Cause at Anne Arundel County aforesaid departed this Life leaving them the said Joseph Yates and Richard Yates his Survivors, and this is not denied; And the aforesaid John Groves by his Attornies aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that he did not assume upon himself in manner and form as the aforesaid John Petty Joseph Yates and Richard Yates above against him have complained, And of this he puts himself upon the Country And the aforesaid Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners as aforesaid in like manner and so forth.

Therefore let a Jury thereupon appear before the Judges of our General Court here, on the second Tuesday of May next, by whom Vc. and who neither Vc. to recognize Vc. because as well Vc. the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and there Vc.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety four come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid John Groves by his Attorneys aforesaid, Thereupon further process of and upon the

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