Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid against the said John Cockey Owings in the General Court for the Western Shore to be held at the City of Annapolis, the second Tuesday in May next; they Acknowledge themselves content therewith this fourth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety three.

Acknowledged before Samuel Chase

I John Cockey Owings empower, authorise and appoint Zebulon Hollingsworth Esquire, to appear for me in the above Action Given under my hand and seal, this 4th day of May seventeen Hundred and ninety three.

Witness Samuel Chase J. Cockey Owings (Seal)

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.

which said bail piece is approved of by the Court here.

And the said John Cockey Owings by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said William Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid also.

At which said 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, as well the said William Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said John Cockey Owings by his Attorney aforesaid; And the aforesaid William Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid Declares against the aforesaid John Cockey Owings in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit.

Baltimore County &c. John Cockey Owing late of Baltimore County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto William Goodwin surviving Obligee of Thomas Rufell deceased of a plea, that he render unto him the full and just sum of four thousand pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes, unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said William Goodwin by Luther Martin his Attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid John Cockey Owings on the Fifteenth day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the aforesaid William Goodwin and Thomas Rufell in the life

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time of the said Thomas which Thomas is since dead, and the said William hath survived the said Thomas in the aforesaid sum of four thousand pounds current Money of Maryland to be paid to them the said William Goodwin, Thomas Rufell when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Owing (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of four thousand pounds current money of Maryland or any part thereof to them the said William and Thomas in the life time of the said Thomas or to the said William since the death of the said Thomas hath not rendered or paid, but the same to them in the life time of the said Thomas and to the said William since the death of the said Thomas hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse to pay to the said William: wherefore the said William saith that he is the worse, and hath damage to the value of Five thousand pounds current money, and therefore he brings suit and so forth; and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Owings which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. L. Martin for the Pltff pledges, so forth: John Doe and Richard Roe.

And thereupon on motion of the said William Goodwin by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said John Cockey Owings, answer to the Declaration of the said William Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment will be rendered against him by default. And the said John Cockey Owings by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here further to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next, and to answer to the Declaration of the said William Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said William Goodwin surviving obligee as aforesaid also.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the Thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four to which day the said John Cockey Owing had leave further to imparle, and then to answer to the Declaration of the said William Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the said William Goodwin surviving Obligee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said John Cockey Owings by his Attorney aforesaid, and the said John Cockey Owings by his Attorney aforesaid, as

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