defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof and he hath it as follows, to wit. Know all Men by these presents that I William Whetcroft am held and firmly bound unto Allen Quynn and Isaac McHard in the full and just sum of Eight hundred and eighty five pounds currency to be paid to be paid unto the said Allen Quynn and Isaac McHard their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal and dated this twenty fourth day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above William Whetcroft do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Allen Quynn and Isaac McHard their certain Attorney Executors Administrators and assigns the just and full sum of Four hundred and forty two pounds ten shillings at or upon the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight with legal Interest for the same then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law. Which being read and heard the said William saith that the aforesaid Allen and Isaac their action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not because he saith that before the impetration of the Original Writ in this Cause, to wit the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at Anne Arundel County aforesaid he the said William did pay unto the said Allen and Isaac the aforesaid sum of Money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned and the Interest thereon due according to the form and effect of the Statute in such case made and provided and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Allen and Isaac their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth. And for further plea in this behalf the said William by leave of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided says that the said Allen and Isaac ought not to have or maintain their Action aforesaid against him the said William because he says that he the said William on the said first day of September mentioned in the said Condition to wit at Anne Arundel County

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aforesaid paid to the said Allen and Isaac the said sum of Four hundred and forty two pounds ten shillings mentioned in the said Condition with legal Interest for the same according to the form and effect of the aforesaid Condition and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Allen and Isaac their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth.

And the aforesaid William by leave of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided further comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth And saith that the aforesaid Allen and Isaac their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not because he says that the said Allen and Isaac did Impetrate and sue forth their Original Writ in the Action aforesaid against him the said William on the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and not before and that twelve years and more have elapsed and expired from the day of the date of the said writing obligatory in the declaration aforesaid mentioned untill the day of the impetrating and issuing forth of the Original Writ aforesaid to wit at Anne Arundel County aforesaid and this the said William is ready to verify wherefore the said William prays Judgment if the said Allen and Isaac their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth.

And the aforesaid William Whetcroft by his Attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to withdraw his plea last aforesaid above set forth and it is granted him.

And the said Allen Quynn and Isaac McHard say that they by anything by the aforesaid William Whetcroft above in his first plea alleged from having or maintaining their Action aforesaid against him to be precluded ought not because they say that before the impetration of the Original Writ in this cause to wit, the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at Anne Arundel County aforesaid the said William Whetcroft did not pay unto them the said Allen Quynn and Isaac McHard the aforesaid sum of money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned and the Interest thereon due according to the form and effect of the Statute in such case made and provided in such manner and form as the said William Whetcroft in his first plea above by pleading hath alledged and of this they pray may be enquired of by the Country, and the aforesaid William Whetcroft in like manner and so forth

And as to the second plea of the said William Whetcroft above by

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