note then and there did promise to pay unto the said William Abraham and George by the name of William Jessop and Company or order, sixty days after date thereof negotiable at the Bank of Maryland Three Hundred and Ninety four Dollars and Sixty seven cents Current money of the United States which said Sum of Three Hundred and Ninety four Dollars and sixty seven cents at the time of making the said note was and ever since hath been and Now is of the value of one Hundred and forty eight pounds current money of Maryland to wit at the County aforesaid for value received according to the tenor and effect of the same note; by reason whereof and also by force of the Statute in such Cases made and provided the same Asa became liable to pay unto the said William Abraham and George the sum of Three Hundred and Ninety four Dollars and sixty seven cents according to the tenor and effect of the same note And being so liable the said Asa in consideration thereof then and there undertook and promised the said William Abraham and George to pay them the said sum of Three Hundred and Ninety four Dollars and Sixty seven cents according to the Tenor and effect of the same note. Nevertheless the said Asa not regarding his promise and assumption aforesaid. but intending to defraud the same William Abraham and George in this behalf hath not yet paid the said Sum of money or any part thereof or the value thereof to the said William Abraham and George although so to do the said Asa on the third day of October in the year aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aforesaid was requested by the said William Abraham and George but he thereto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to the damage of the said William Abraham and George, Three Hundred pounds current money of Maryland and Thereupon they bring Suit and sofath.

Robt. Smith Atty for Plff. Pledges to prosecute John Doe & Richd. Roe.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety five and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the said William Jessop, Abraham Jessop and George Barly by their attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Capi Asa Allen Ob. April Bail priso & Prowe to Lot. H Stevenson Shff.

And the said Asa Allen by Luther Martin his attorney appears in Court here, and Thereupon on motion of the said William Jessop,

Jessop, Abraham Jessop and George Barly by their attorney. It is ruled by the Court here that the said Asa Allen give special bail in the plea aforesaid whereupon the said Asa Allen by his attorney aforesaid files in court here the following bail piece to wit.

William Jessop, Abraham Jessop and George Barly against Asa Allen } Now Solomon Allen and Jonathan Munro jointly and severally acknowledge themselves special bail for Asa Allen at the suit of William Jessop Abraham Jessop and George Barly in an action of a plea of Trespass on the case and sofath, brought by the said William Jessop, Abraham Jessop and George Barly against the said Asa Allen 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 16th day of April Seventeen hundred and ninety five.

Acknowledged before Wm. Russell
Geo. Salmon.

I Asa Allen empower authorise and appoint Luther Martin Esquire to appear for me in the above action. Given under my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of April Seventeen hundred and ninety five.

Witness
Benja. Jolliffe

Asa Allen (Seal)

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.

And Thereupon on motion of the said William Jessop Abraham Jessop and George Barly by their attorney aforesaid. It is ruled by the court here that the said Asa Allen answer to the Declaration aforesaid in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof: and the said Asa Allen by his attorney aforesaid, as before, defends the force and injury when and sofath, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next; and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid; and to him it is granted the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety five: come again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said Asa Allen by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and sofath and saith that he did not assume upon himself in manner and form as the said William Jessop Abraham Jessop and George Barly above against him declared, and of this he puts himself upon the County and the said Plaintiffs

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