said Stephen and being so indebted the said Francis Joseph and John in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon themselves assumed and to the said Stephen in his life time then and there faithfully promised the aforesaid quantity of Twenty six thousand one hundred and seven pounds of Nett Crop Tobacco to him the said Stephen when afterwards they should they the said Francis Joseph and John should be thereunto required they would well and truly content and pay. And the said Rebecca, William McCreery and Archibald in fact say the said Quantity of Nett Crop Tobacco at the time of making the promise and Assumption aforesaid was always since hath been and yet is of the value of five hundred pounds Current money to wit at Montgomery County aforesaid, And whereas afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at Montgomery County aforesaid the said Francis Lewis Taney, Joseph Forrest and John Teton were indebted unto the said Stephen Wilson in his Life time in the sum of twenty thousand Livres Tournois for the like sum of Livres Tournois before that time there had and received by the said Francis Joseph and John to and for the use of him the said Stephen in his life time, and being so indebted the said Francis Joseph and John in Consideration thereof afterwards to wit, on the day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon themselves assumed and to the said Stephen in his life time then and there faithfully promised the aforesaid sum of twenty thousand Livres Tournois to him the said Stephen when afterwards they the said Francis Joseph and John should be thereunto required they would well and truly Content and pay. And the said Rebecca William McCreery and Archibald in fact say that the said sum of twenty thousand Livres Tournois at the time of making the promise and Assumption last aforesaid were always since have been and yet are of the value of Five hundred pounds Current money to wit at Montgomery County aforesaid.

Nevertheless the said Francis Joseph and John their several promises and Assumptions so as aforesaid made not regarding, but minding and fraudulently intending, the said Stephen Wilson in his life time and the said Rebecca William McCreery and Archibald the administrators aforesaid since the death of the said Stephen (to which said Rebecca William McCreery and Archibald the administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels rights and Credits which were of the said Stephen at the time of his decease hath since his death at Baltimore County in due form of Law been committed) in this behalf craftily and subtilly to deceive

deceive and defraud the aforesaid quantity of Crop Tobacco or the value thereof as aforesaid or any part thereof or the aforesaid sum of Livres Tournois or the value thereof as aforesaid or any part thereof or the aforesaid sum of Livres Tournois or the value thereof as aforesaid or any part thereof either to the said Stephen in his Life time or to the said Administrators or either of them since his decease to Content or pay the said Francis Joseph and John and each of them have hitherto altogether refused and still do refuse to pay the same in delay of the administration aforesaid wherefore the said Rebecca William McCreery and Archibald Stewart say they are the worse and have damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current money and therefore they bring Suit and soforth. And they bring here into Court the Letters of Administration aforesaid to them the said Rebecca William McCreery and Archibald in form aforesaid granted whereby it appears they have the Administration of the Estate of the said Stephen Wilson and soforth.

W. Cooke p Pltffs. Pledges and soforth. John Doe, and Richard Roe.

Copies of which aforegoing Declaration were made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come here into our General Court the aforesaid Rebecca Wilson William McCreery and Archibald Stewart administrators aforesaid by William Cooke their attorney aforesaid And the sheriff of Montgomery 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. Francis & Joseph. Copies left 10th April. N. Est. John.

Benjn Ray Sun. Tiffs.

And the said Francis Lewis Taney being called upon appears and at the Prayer of the aforesaid Rebecca Wilson, William McCreery and Archibald Stewart administrators aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid the said Francis Lewis Taney is adjudged to give special Bail to the action aforesaid Whereupon the said Francis Lewis Taney by John Machall Gantt his attorney files in Court here, the following Bail piece, to wit.

Rebecca Wilson, William McCreery & Archibald Stewart administrators of Stephen Wilson, Plaintiffs against Francis Lewis Taney Joseph Forrest, and John Teton Defendants.

Now Peter Casanave and William Craig, do jointly and severally acknowledge