partner as aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid in manner and form, following to wit. — Western Shore of Maryland, Ann Arundel County to wit, Lewis Neth late of Ann Arundel County surviving partner of Joseph Williams and Lewis Neth was attached to answer unto John Bantham of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth, And whereupon the said John by Gabriel Duvall his Attorney complains that whereas he the said John on the first day of November seventeen hundred and eighty four at Ann Arundel County aforesaid was possessed of four Certificates granted by the United States commonly called and denominated final settlement Certificates; to wit, one Certificate granted the first day of November seventeen hundred and eighty four, for Eighty Dollars bearing an Interest of six per Cent, from the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty two; one other Certificate granted on the same first day of November for Eighty Dollars bearing a like Interest from the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty three, one other Certificate granted on the same first day of November for forty three dollars and thirty ninetyeths of a Dollars, bearing Interest as aforesaid from the fifteenth day of November seventeen hundred and eighty three, and one other Certificate granted on the same first day of November for Eighty dollars bearing Interest as aforesaid from the tenth day of July seventeen hundred and Eighty four as of the proper Certificates of the said John belonging and — appertaining; and being so thereof possessed, and the said four Certificates being wholly unpaid the said John the said four Certificates out of his hands and possession casually lost; which said four Certificates afterwards to wit on the twenty sixth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid to the hands and possession of the aforesaid Joseph Williams and Lewis Neth, in the life time of the said Joseph and whom the said Lewis hath survived, by finding came; Nevertheless the said Joseph and Lewis in the life time of the said Joseph and whom the said Lewis hath survived, and the said Lewis since the death of the said Joseph, knowing the said four Certificates to be the proper Certificates of him the said John and to him of right did belong and appertain and contriving and fraudulently intending the said John of the said several Certificates and of the recovery of the Money with the Interest thereof by those Certificates secured

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to be paid craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud, the said several Certificates to the said John altho often required, have not yet delivered but the said several Certificates amounting in the whole to the Sum of two hundred and eighty three Dollars and thirty ninetieths of a Dollar of the value of One hundred and six pounds five shillings Current money with legal Interest to be computed thereon as aforesaid, afterwards to wit, on the twenty sixth day of December seventeen hundred and ninety two at the County aforesaid the said Lewis after the death of the said Joseph; whom the said Lewis hath survived, to his own proper use converted and disposed, To the Damage of him the said John in the sum of Three hundred pounds Current Money and therefore he brings Suit and so forth. —

G Duvall for Plaintiff pledges and so forth Jno. Doe and Richard Roe

And the aforesaid Lewis Neth surviving partner as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, And prays further leave of the Court to Imparle hereunto untill next Court, and he hath it, the Same day is given to the said John Bantham also. —

At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety six comes again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid John Bantham by Jonathan Roberts Wilmer one of his Attornies aforesaid as the aforesaid Lewis Neth surviving partner as aforesaid by Thomas Jennings his Attorney aforesaid, And the aforesaid Lewis Neth surviving partner as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, And saith that he is not Guilty of the premises above laid to his charge, in manner and form as the aforesaid John Bantham above against him hath complained, and of this he puts himself upon the Country and so forth, And the aforesaid John Bantham 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 October next, by whom &c. and who neither &c. to recognize &c. because as well &c. the Same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and there &c. —

And now here, at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the Same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety six comes again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid John Bantham by his Attorney last aforesaid

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