A Copy of which aforegoing declaration oyer and indorsement thereon was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid. At which mentioned 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 and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes here into the General Court the aforesaid James Gordon John Campbell; John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, Henry Riddell and William Ingram by William Cooke their attorney. 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 Copy left 10th October. Benj Ray Jr. Shff

And the said John Hough Executor as aforesaid by Philip Barton Key his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and soforth; and prays leave of the Court to Imparle hereunto untill the second tuesday of May next and he hath it the same day is given to the aforesaid James Gordon, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior; Alexander Low, Henry Riddell and William Ingram also.

At which said second tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six comes again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid James Gordon, John Campbell; John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe, Henry Riddell and William Ingram by their attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid John Hough Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid; and the said James Gordon, John Campbell; John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, Henry Riddell and William Ingram by their attorney aforesaid pray that the aforesaid John Hough Executor as aforesaid may answer to the declaration aforesaid in the plea aforesaid by the twentieth day of August next; and thereupon it is said to the said John Hough Executor as aforesaid that if he doth not answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid James Gordon, John Campbell; John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by the said twentieth day of August next; Judgment will be entered against him by default; and thereupon the said John Hough Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and soforth; and prays further leave of the Court to Imparle hereunto untill the second tuesday of October next, and he hath it, the same day is given to the aforesaid James Gordon, John Campbell; John Campbell Junior; Alexander Lowe; Henry Riddell and William Ingram also.

At which said second tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid

James,

James Gordon, John Campbell; John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, Henry Riddell and William Ingram by their attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid John Hough Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid; And the said John Hough Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and soforth and prays oyer of the said writing obligatory; and it is read to him, to wit,

Know all Men by these presents, that I Andrew Hough of Frederick County and province of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto John Glafford and Company of Glasgow Merchants in the full and just sum of three hundred and thirty six pounds Common circulating Currency to be paid unto the said John Glafford & Company their certain attorney Executors administrators or assigns; To the 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 eleventh day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, and he also prays oyer of the Condition of the said writing obligatory; and it is read unto him in these words to wit, The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Andrew Hough do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Glafford & Company their certain attorney Executors administrators or Assigns, the just and full sum of one hundred and sixty eight pounds Common Circulating Currency on or before the first day of March next ensuing the date hereof 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 John says, that the said James Gordon, John Campbell; John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe; Henry Riddell; and William Ingram ought not to have or maintain their action aforesaid thereupon against him, because he says, that he the said John paid to the said James, John, John, Alexander, Henry and William the sum of money in the Condition aforesaid above specified, at and upon, the first day of March seventeen hundred and seventy five, at the County aforesaid, to wit, at Montgomery County, which he the said John ought to have paid upon the day according to the form and effect of said Condition, and this he is ready to verify: wherefore he prays Judgment and soforth. And the said John further saith, that the said James, John, John, Alexander, Henry and William ought not to have or maintain their action aforesaid thereof against him the said John, because he says, that he the said John hath fully administered all and singular the goods and Chattels which were the goods and Chattels of the said Andrew Hough at the time of his death, in his hands to be administered; and that he the said John has not, nor at the time of exhibiting the writ aforesaid, or at any time since, had any goods or Chattels which were the goods and Chattels

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