the first day of September 1776. made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that before the twentieth day of April 1779. he sold property for the purpose of paying his debt aforesaid by him as aforesaid by him as aforesaid contracted with and due to the said James Russell and that he hath constantly kept nine hundred and forty pounds part of the money by him received for the property sold as aforesaid for the purpose of paying his said debt to the same James Russell.

Taken and sworn to before me.

Nich.s Worthington.

Which oath the said Richard Harwood lodged with Thomas Harwood Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland on the said day and year last mentioned and on the same day and year aforesaid paid unto the same Thomas Harwood Treasurer of the Western shore of Maryland the sum of nine hundred and forty pounds Current money of Maryland in bills of Credit emitted by the Congress of the United States according to the form of the act entitled An act for calling out of Circulation the quota of this State of the bills of credit issued by Congress and the bills of Credit emitted by acts of Assembly under the old Government and the resolves of Convention: on account of the debt due by the aforesaid bond; and on the said sixteenth day of March in the said year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one received from the said Thomas Harwood Treasurer a receipt for the said sum of nine hundred and forty pounds Current money aforesaid in the words following, to wit.

£940. Currency. Number 7.

The State of Maryland acknowledges the receipt of nine hundred and forty pounds currency from Richard Harwood Junr. on account of James Russell merchant London Agreeable to An act entitled "An Act for calling out of Circulation the quota of this State of the bills of Credit issued by Congress and the bills of Credit emitted by acts of Assembly under the old Government and by the Resolves of Convention made and passed at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the 17th of October 1780. Given at Annapolis the 16th day of March 1781.

Thos: Harwood Treasurer W. S.

It is agreed that James Russell the obligee aforesaid at the time of the Execution of the said bond to wit on the said thirteenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy four

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was a British subject residing in Great Britain and so Continued until his death which happened since the commencement of this suit and that the said James Russell never did become a subject of this State or any of the United States of America nor had he an attorney in fact acknowledging himself as such for the purpose of receiving debts always from the first day of September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six until the passing of the act of Assembly entitled "An act for calling out of Circulation the quota of this State of the bills of Credit issued by Congress and the bills of Credit emitted by acts of Assembly under the old Government and by the resolves of Convention and Constantly residing in this State from the said first day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy six untill the passing of the said act.

That on the twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six a Convention of Delegates of Maryland made the following Resolution to wit.

Resolved unanimously that the Deputies of this Colony attending in Congress or a majority of them, or any three or more of them be authorized and empowered to concur with the other United Colonies or a majority of them in declaring the United Colonies Free and Independent States.

That on the fourth day of July in the same year the said Congress made the following declaration of the Independence of the States of New Hampshire &c. &c. which declaration follows in these words to wit.

A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal Station to which the laws of nature and of natures God entitle them, a decent respect to opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the seperation.

We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life Liberty and the pursuit of happiness that to secure these rights Governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the Consent of the Governed. That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it and to institute new Government laying its foundation

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