aforewards towit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid casually lost the said Boxes and Money out of his hands and possession which said Boxes and Money aforewards came to the hands and possession of the said William yet the said William knowing the said Boxes and Money to be the proper goods Chattels and Money of the said James and to him of right to belong and appertain but contriving and fraudulently intending the said James of the said Goods Chattels and Money to deceive and defraud the said goods, Chattles and Money though often times requested hath not delivered to the said James, but the same Goods Chattels and Money aforewards towit on the second day of January in the year aforesaid at the County aforesaid converted and disposed of to his own proper use to the Damage of the said James Five thousand pounds Current Money and therefore he brings suit &c.

J Winchester Pltf. Attf.

A copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the writt which issued in the plea aforesaid. At which mentioned 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 and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes here into our general court the aforesaid James Jaffray by James Winchester his Attorney aforesaid: And the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the said aforegoing writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the court here, this indorsed to wit.

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Jo Stevenson Shff

And the said William Thompson being called upon appears and at the prayer of the aforesaid James Jaffray by his Attorney aforesaid the said William Thompson is adjudged to give special Bail to the action aforesaid: Whereupon the said William Thompson by Hebulon Hollingsworth and (Robert)

Robert Smith his Attornies files in court here the following Bail piece towit. James Jaffray against William Thompson You David Poe and George Leggett do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for William Thompson at the suit of James Jaffray in an action in a plea of Trespass upon the case &c. brought by the said James Jaffray against the said William Thompson in the Genebal court for the Western Shore, to be held in the City of Annapolis, the second Tuesday in October next: they acknowledge themselves content therewith this nineteenth day of August seventeen hundred and ninety six. Acknowledged Before

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I William Thompson empower, authorize and appoint Hebulon Hollingsworth and Robert Smith Esquires to appear for me in the above action. given under my Hand and seal this nineteenth day of August seventeen hundred and ninety six.

Witness Edward Neale — Wm Thompson (Seal)

To the Honourable the Judges of the General court.

Which said Bail piece is approved by the court here: Whereupon the said William Thompson by his said Attorneys defends the force and injury when and so forth. And the said James Jaffray by his Attorney aforesaid prays that the said William Thompson may answer to this Declaration in the plea aforesaid by the second Tuesday of May next. And thereupon it is said to the said William Thompson that if he doth not answer to the Declaration of the said James Jaffray by the said second Tuesday of May next, Judgment will be entered against him by default. Whereupon the said William Thompson by his said Attorneys prays leave to Imparle hereunto until the said second Tuesday of May next, and he hath it: the same day is given to the said James Jaffray also.

At which said next court, towit the second Tuesday of May being the ninth day of the same month in the (year)