Western Shore State of Maryland Washington County sct. Denton Jacques late of Washington County Yeoman, otherwise called Denton Jacques of Washington county was summoned to answer unto William Lee and John Lee of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of seven hundred and ninety six pounds nine shillings current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said William and John Lee by John Thompson Mason their attorney say, that whereas the aforesaid Denton Jacques on the fourth day of June in the year of one thousand seven hundred and ninety six at the county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the aforesaid William and John Lee in the said sum of seven hundred and ninety six pounds nine shillings lawful and current money of the State aforesaid to be paid to them the said William and John Lee when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Denton Jacques (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and ninety six pounds nine shillings lawful and current money of the State aforesaid to them the said William and John Lee hath not rendered or paid, but the same sum of seven hundred and ninety six pounds nine shillings lawful and current money of the State aforesaid to them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse; wherefore the said William and John Lee say they are the worse and have damage to the value of one thousand pounds current money and therefore they bring suit and so forth; and bring here into the court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Denton Jacques which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

John T. Mason for the Plaintiff.

Pledges and so forth, John Doe and Richard Roe

The oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the condition thereof, follow in these words to wit.

Maryland Sct. Know all men by these presents that I Denton Jacques of Washington County am held and firmly bound unto William and John Lee of the same county in the full and just sum of seven hundred and ninety six pounds, nine shillings lawful and current money of the State aforesaid to be paid to the said

said William and John Lee or to 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 dated the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden Denton Jacques do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said William and John Lee or to their certain attorney executors administrators or assigns, the full and just sum of three hundred and ninety eight pounds four shillings and six pence money aforesaid at or upon the first day of July next with interest from the fifteenth day of the present month without fraud or further delay, then the above obligation to be void, and of no effect, else to stand and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of

Jacob Baker Richd. Simms Denton Jacques (seal)

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, come into the General Court here, the aforesaid William Lee and John Lee by John Thompson Mason their attorney aforesaid: and the Sheriff of Washington County aforesaid to wit, Rezin Davis to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the court here, thus endorsed to wit.

"Cepi; Copy left 4th October 1796. Rezin Davis Shff."

And the said Denton Jacques by Arthur Shaaff his attorney appears in court here. And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid William Lee and John Lee by their attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the court here, that the said Denton Jacques give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said Denton Jacques by his attorney aforesaid in court the following bail piece to wit.

William Lee and John Lee Plaintiffs against Denton Jacques Defendant. You Roland Chambers and James Prather do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves specials bail for the said Denton Jacques at the suit of the said William Lee and John Lee against the said Denton Jacques in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fifth day of October

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