And whereupon the said Daniel Carroll by John Thompson Mason his attorney says that whereas the aforesaid Thomas Johnson on the fifth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two at Frederick County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid Daniel Carroll of Duddington in the aforesaid sum of four thousand pounds current money to be paid to him the said Daniel Carroll when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas Johnson (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of four thousand pounds current money to him the said Daniel Carroll has not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay has altogether refused, and still does refuse, wherefore the said Daniel says that he is the worse, and has damage to the value of five hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Thomas Johnson 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

And the aforesaid Thomas Johnson by --- his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the condition thereof, and he has them in the words following to wit.

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Johnson of Frederick County am held and firmly bound unto Daniel Carroll of Duddington in the sum of four thousand pounds current money to be paid to the said Daniel Carroll his executors administrators or assigns. To 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 fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Johnson his executors or administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Daniel Carroll his executors administrators or assigns the sum of two thousand pounds current money at or upon the fifth day of June 1795, with legal interest on the same payable and to be paid on the

the fifth day of June yearly as the same grows due, then the above obligation to be void else of full force. Th. Johnson (seal)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Jno. M. Gantt, Thos Cooke.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Daniel Carroll of Duddington by John Thompson Mason his attorney aforesaid: And the Sheriff of Frederick County, to wit Richard Butler Gentleman 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; Nar delivd 4th Janry Richd Butler Sheriff."

And the said Thomas Johnson by James Cooke his attorney appears in court here; And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Daniel Carroll by his attorney aforesaid It is ruled, by the Court here, that the said Thomas Johnson give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said Thomas Johnson by his attorney aforesaid files in court here the following bail piece to wit

Daniel Carroll of Duddington Plaintiff against Thomas Johnson Defendant. You Baker Johnson and John Johnson do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Thomas Johnson at the suit of the said Daniel Carroll of Duddington in an action of debt brought by the said Daniel Carroll against the said Thomas Johnson in the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this sixth day of May 1797, Before

Jacob Young
Geo. Baer Jr.

To the Honble the Judges of the General Court.

James Cooke to appear for Thos Johnson.

And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Daniel Carroll by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the court here, that the said Thomas Johnson appear to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Daniel Carroll in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the court here will be entered against him in default thereof: And the said Thomas Johnson by his attorney defends the force and injury when and so forth; and prays leave of the court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Daniel Carroll in the

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