answer unto William Taylor of a plea that he render unto the said William Taylor the sum of Eleven hundred and thirty pounds sixteen shillings and two pence Current Money of Maryland which to him, the said Jacob owes, and from him unjustly detains, &c. Whereupon the said William Taylor by James Winchester, his Attorney, says, that the said Jacob on the Eighteenth day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven at Montgomery County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory, sealed with his Seal, (and to the Court now here shewn, whose date is the day and year aforesaid) acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the said William Taylor in the just and full sum of Eleven hundred thirty pounds sixteen shillings and two pence Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said William Taylor whenever afterwards he the said Jacob should be thereunto required. Nevertheless, the said Jacob (although often requested) hath not yet paid the said sum of money or any part thereof to the said William Taylor but hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to him to the Damage of the said William Taylor Five hundred pounds like money and thereof he brings Suit &c.

J. Winchester pltffs Att'y

Oyer,

Know all Men, by these presents, that We Henry Knowles and Jacob Mountz of George Town Montgomery County State of Maryland, are held and firmly bound unto William Taylor of Baltimore Town and County in the State of Maryland in the sum of Eleven hundred thirty pounds sixteen shillings and two pence Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said William Taylor his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made, We jointly and severally bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators or assigns firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals Dated the Eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, 1797.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Henry Knowles and Jacob Mountz their Heirs Executors, Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the above named William Taylor his

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certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just sum of Five hundred sixty five pounds eight shillings and one penny Current Money of Maryland with legal Interest from the first day of January instant until paid without any fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void or else to be & remain in full force and virtue

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Wm. Young Lewis — Henry Knowles (L.S.) — Jacob Mountz (L.S.)

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 William Taylor by James Winchester his Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid, to wit, Benjamin Ray Junior, 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 Sept 17th April. Benj. Ray Junior Sheriff."

And the said Jacob Mountz by James Cook his Attorney, appears in Court here, and thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid William Taylor by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Jacob Mountz give special Bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said Jacob Mountz by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court, here the following Bail piece, to wit.

William Taylor Plaintiff against Jacob Mountz Defendant

You John Mountz Junior and Elijah Walker do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Jacob Mountz at the suit of the said William Taylor in an Action of Debt brought by the said William Taylor against the said Jacob Mountz in the General Court, They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this second day of May 1797.

Before, Danl. Reintzel, Henry Brookes.

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.

I do hereby authouse and empower James Cook Esquire to appear for me in the above suit. Jacob Mountz.

And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid William Taylor by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Jacob Mountz answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid William Taylor in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the

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