To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.

We do hereby authorise and empower John T. Mason Esquire to appear for us in the above suit. Beall & Jackson.

And the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson by their Attorney aforesaid defend the force and injury when and so forth, and pray leave of the Court here to Imparle until the second Tuesday of May next, and then it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid John Wayman also

At which said 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; come again into the General Court here; as well the aforesaid John Wayman by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson by their Attorney aforesaid, And thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid, John Wayman by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid John Wayman in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson by their Attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray further 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 John Wayman in the Plea aforesaid, and to them it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid John Wayman also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the tenth day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, to which said day the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid John Wayman in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid John Wayman by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson by their Attorney aforesaid, And the the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson by their Attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and so forth and say that the said John Wayman ought not to have his said Action against them, because they say that they the said Lloyd, Jonathan, and Elijah will and truly paid to the

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said John the said sum of Two hundred pounds Current Money of upon the ninth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, at Montgomery County aforesaid, and this they are ready to verify: wherefore they pray Judgment if the said John his said Action against them to have or maintain ought and so forth.

And the aforesaid John Wayman by his Attorney aforesaid saith, that he by any thing by the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against them ought not to be precluded, because he saith that they the said Lloyd Beall Jonathan Jackson, and Elijah Beall did not well and truly pay to the aforesaid John Wayman the said Sum of Two hundred pounds Currenc Money upon the ninth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, to wit at Montgomery County aforesaid; in such manner and form as the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson above by pleading have alledged, and of this he prays may be enquired of by the Country, and the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson in like manner and so forth, Therefore let a Jury thereon appear before the Court here, on the second Tuesday of May next, by whom and so forth, and who neither and so forth, to recognize and so forth, because as well and so forth, the same day is given to the said parties then and there and so forth.

And now, at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the ninth day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, come again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid John Wayman by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson by their Attorney aforesaid; And the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson by their Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment aforesaid, above by them pretended say, that they cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the aforesaid John Wayman so as aforesaid against them brought, nor but that they owe to the aforesaid John Wayman the aforesaid sum of Four hundred pounds Current Money in manner and form aforesaid so as the aforesaid John Wayman above against them hath declared.

Therefore it is considered, by the Court here, that the aforesaid John Wayman recover against the said Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Jackson as well the sum of Four hundred pounds Current Money his Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as the quantity of One thousand pounds of Tobacco, by the Court here

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