trators jointly and severally firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals and dated this Seventeenth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Vachel Dorsey Junr. do and shall well and truly pay or cause, to be paid unto the said Abel Brown Senr. or his certain Attorney, Executors Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds Current Money to be paid in Gold or Silver only with legal Interest on the same till paid then the above obligation to be void and of none effect else to be and remain in full force and Virtue in Law.

Vachel Dorsey Junr. (seal)

Signed and delivered in the presents of Elias Dorsey, Elias Brown } Vachel Dorsey - - - (seal) Johnsa Dorsey - - - (seal)

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, come into the General Court here, the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors as aforesaid by Robert Smith their Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid, to wit, Richard Harwood 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 Copy left 12th. April 1797. Richd. Harwood Sheriff"

And the said Vachel Dorsey Junior by Richard Ridgely his Attorney appears in Court here, and thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, It is Ruled by the Court here, that the said Vachel Dorsey Junior give special Bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon a certain General David Hopkins of Anne Arundel County, present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Vachel Dorsey Junior that in Case the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors as aforesaid shall recover against the said Vachel Dorsey Junior in the plea aforesaid or that the said Vachel Dorsey Junior shall be therein legally Convict that then the said Vachel Dorsey Junr. shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in

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satisfaction thereof or that he the said David Hopkins will do the same for him; And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, It is Ruled by the Court here, that the said Vachel Dorsey Junior answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said Vachel Dorsey Junior by his Attorney aforesaid 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 Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors as aforesaid 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 Vachel Dorsey Junior, had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid Elias Brown and Moses Brown Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Vachel Dorsey Junior by his Attorney aforesaid; And the said Vachel Dorsey Junior by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the Writing obligatory aforesaid and of the Condition thereof; which being read and heard, the said Vachel saith, that the said Elias and Moses their Action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain, ought not, because he saith, that he the said Vachel after the Execution of the Writing obligatory aforesaid, and before the Impetration of the Original Writ in this Cause, to wit, on the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety five at Anne Arundel County aforesaid did well and truly pay, to the said Abel Brown in his life time the full and just sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds Current Money, in Gold and Silver with legal Interest thereon, from the date of the said Writing obligatory, according to the form and effect of the Condition thereof; and this the said Vachel is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Elias and Moses their Action aforesaid thereof against him to have

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