May Term 1798

Oyer of the Bond and Condition thereof

Know all men by these presents, that I, John Simmons of Anne Arundel County planter, am held and firmly bound unto Mrs Hannah West executrix of Mr Stephen West of Prince Georges County in the full and just sum of Three hundred and eighty two pounds eight shillings and eight pence Current Money of Maryland to be paid unto the said Hannah West her 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 and dated this First day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four:

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound John Simmons do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Hannah West her certain Attorney, executors, administrators or assigns the full and just sum of One hundred and ninety one pounds four shillings and four pence current Money of Maryland, on or before the day of with legal interest thereon; then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and vertue in law John Simmons (seal)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
Thomas Villard
Matilda Villard.

At the foot and on the back of the aforegoing Bond was thus written to wit. N.B. The net proceeds of Two Hhds Ship's p the adventure capt. Maynard to be deducted out of the above Bond. J. Villard.

Balance due on this Bond, after deducting the ballance of Mrs Simmons's claim to Two Hhds. Tob.o ship.d to West & Hobson of . . . . . £ 128.19.9

Interest on do from 1st Jan.y 1794 to 5th October 1795/21 Mos 13.10.11

£ 142.10.8

October 5th 1795. I hereby assign & transfer to William Tong or order the sum due on this Bond to this day being with the Interest the sum of One hundred and forty two pounds ten shillings & eight pence current money, for value received in account with Gen.l John Davidson of Annapolis. Benjamin Oden for Mrs Hannah West Exr. of Stephen West deceased.

(February)

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Feb.y 27th 1796. I hereby assign & transfer to Richd Ross or order the sum due on this Bond to this day with Interest for value received, as Witness my hand & Seal. Witness William Tong (seal)
Baley C. Clarke.

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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes again into the General Court here the said Hannah West by her Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to wit, Richard Harwood, to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit:

"Cepi, Copy left May 1st 1797. Richard Harwood Shff

And the said John Simmons by Philip Barton Key his Attorney appears in Court here; and thereupon on the motion of the said Hannah West by her Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said John Simmons give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon David Weems of Anne Arundel County, present in Court here in his proper person, undertakes for the said John Simmons, that in case the said Hannah West shall recover Judgment against the said John Simmons in the plea aforesaid or that the said John Simmons shall be legally convicted therein, that then the said John Simmons shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereon or render his body to the custody of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in satisfaction thereof, or that he the said David Weems will do the same for him: And thereupon, on the Motion of the said Hannah West by her Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said John Simmons answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Hannah West in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof: And the said John Simmons by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to to Imparle until the second tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Hannah West in the plea aforesaid; and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said Hannah West 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 John Simmons had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the

(Declaration)