the following Declaration; a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said Writ, to the Coroner of the County aforesaid, to wit.

Maryland, Western Shore, Anne Arundel County, to wit, Richard Harwood Esquire, High Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, was attached to answer unto Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer, in a plea of Trespass on the case; And whereupon the said Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer by Richard Ridgely their Attorney, complain, that whereas at the several times hereafter mentioned certain Lewis Neth, Richard Dorsey and William Alexander were persons, residing, trading and using Commerce within this State; to wit at Anne Arundel County aforesaid, and the said Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer, at the said several times were there partners and joint Dealers together in Trade and Commerce, and being so residing and trading, and the said Pinkney and Guyer so being partners and joint Dealers together, they the said Lewis Neth, Richard Dorsey, and William Alexander, on the ninth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety six, to wit, at Anne Arundel County aforesaid, made their certain Bill of Exchange in Writing subscribed with their proper hands, according to the Custom of Merchants, used and approved of within this State, from time immemorial, the same Bill bearing date, the day and year aforesaid, directed to the said Richard, by the name of Richard Harwood Esquire, Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, and by the said Bill requested the said Richard Harwood, to pay to them the said Pinkney and Guyer or their order, three hundred pounds Current Money, out of the Levy of seventeen hundred and ninety five, for the use of the Trustees of the Poor of Anne Arundel County; which said Bill of Exchange, the said Richard afterwards, to wit on the tenth day of November in the year last aforesaid at Anne Arundel County aforesaid, upon sight thereof, accepted according to the said custom; by reason whereof, and according to the said Custom, and by the Law of Merchants, the said Richard became liable to pay to them the said Pinkney and Guyer, the said sum of Three hundred pounds Current Money, specified in the said Bill, according to the Tenor and effect of the said Bill and of his said acceptance thereof, and being so liable he the said Richard afterwards to wit, that is to say, on the day and year last aforesaid, at the County aforesaid in Consideration

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thereof upon himself assumed and to the said Pinkney and Guyer, then and there faithfully promised, that he the said Richard the aforesaid sum of Three hundred pounds Current Money to them, the said Pinkney and Guyer, would well and truly content and pay; Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard, although often thereto required, hath not paid the said sum of Three hundred pounds Current Money, or any part thereof, but the same to the said Pinkney and Guyer, still to pay he the said Richard, hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse, To the Damage of the said Pinkney and Guyer in the sum of Five hundred pounds Current Money and therefore they bring suit &c. R.d Ridgely p. Plaintiff. Pledges and &c. John Doe, and Richard Roe

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 Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer by Richard Ridgely their Attorney aforesaid; And one of the Coroners of Anne Arundel County aforesaid, to wit, Henry Whetcroft 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 March 25th 1797. Henry Whetcroft Coroner"

And the said Richard Harwood by Richard Hall Harwood his Attorney appears in Court here, Thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer by their Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Richard Harwood answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said Richard Harwood by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth; and prays leave of Court here to Imparle until the second tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer 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 Richard Harwood had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Jonathan Pinkney and John Guyer in the

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