the said Bryan, by John Thomson Mason his Attorney says, that whereas the said Benoni on the third day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, at the County aforesaid, by his certain Writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound to the said Bryan in the aforesaid sum of Three hundred and ninety seven pounds, Eleven shillings and one penny Current Money of the State of Virginia of the value of Four hundred and ninety six pounds, eighteen shillings and ten pence one farthing Current Money of the State of Maryland to be paid unto the said Bryan when he should be thereunto required.

Nevertheless the said Benoni altho' often required hath not paid the said Three hundred and ninety seven pounds eleven shillings and one penny Virginia Currency of the value of Four hundred and ninety six pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence one farthing Maryland Currency to the said Bryan, but hath hitherto refused, and still doth refuse to pay the same to him; whereupon he says he is worse and hath damage to the value of Seven hundred and fifty pounds Current Money of Maryland; and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

J. T. Mason for Plaintiff Pledges to prosecute { John Doe, and Richard Roe

Copy of Bond.

Know all Men by these presents that I Benoni Hamilton Wade of Piscataway, Prince Georges County State of Maryland, am held and firmly bound unto Bryan Hampson of the Town of Alexandria Fairfax County, State of Virginia, in the sum of three hundred and ninety seven pounds eleven shillings and one penny Current Money of the State of Virginia, to be paid to the said Bryan Hampson or to his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or assigns firmly by these presents, Sealed with my Seal dated the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

The Condition of the obligation is such that if the above bounden Benoni Hamilton Wade, his Heirs Executors and Administrators, or any of them shall and do well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Bryan Hampson or to his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of One hundred and ninety eight pounds fifteen shillings and six pence half penny Current Money aforesaid, on or before the third day of December one thousand seven hundred and ninety five,

(without)

without any fraud or delay then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue. Benoni H. Wade (seal)

Sealed and delivered, in presence of Danl. Henry

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 Bryan Hampson by John Thomson Mason his Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid, to wit, Joseph Boone Gentleman to whom the the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes retorn thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit.

Cepi Copy left 20th Feby J. Boone Sheriff.

And the said Benoni Hamilton Wade by John Rochell Gantt his Attorney appears in Court here, and thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Bryan Hampson by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Benoni Hamilton Wade give special bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, Whereupon the said Benoni Hamilton Wade by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here, the following Bail piece, to wit,

Bryan Hampson against Benoni H. Wade	You Leonard Townsend and Anthony Hardy do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Benoni H Wade at the suit of the said Bryan Hampson in an action

of debt brought by the said Bryan Hampson against the said Benoni H. Wade in the General Court, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 13th day of May 1797.

Nicholas Young
Francis C. Dyer.

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.

John M Gantt is authorised to appear for Defendant.

And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Bryan Hampson by his Attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Benoni Hamilton Wade answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Bryan Hampson in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said Benoni Hamilton Wade 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 Bryan Hampson in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Bryan Hampson also.

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