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And the aforesaid John Hoskins Stone by his Attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid Writ filed in Court here; the following Declaration and Oyer of Bond, a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said Writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit.

Western Shore, State of Maryland, Prince Georges County, to wit, William Thornton late of Prince Georges County Gentleman, otherwise called William Thornton of George Town, was summoned to answer John Hoskins Stone of a plea, that he render to him the sum of Three thousand pounds current money of Maryland, which he owes to him, and unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said John by John Thomson Mason his Attorney says, that whereas the said William on the twenty eighth day of April which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, at Montgomery County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound, to the said John in the aforesaid sum of Three thousand pounds Current Money of Maryland, to be paid to the said John where he should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the said William although often required, hath not paid the said Three thousand pounds current Money as aforesaid to the said John but hath hitherto refused, and still doth refuse to pay the same to him; wherefore he says he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of Three hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland; and therefore he brings suit, and so forth; and he brings here into Court the aforesaid writing obligatory, which testifies the said debt in form aforesaid, the date whereof is the day and year above mentioned, and so forth

John T. Mason for Pltffs. Jno. Doe, & Rich. Roe pledges &c.

Oyer of the Bond

Know all men by these presents, that I William Thornton of George Town am held and firmly bound unto John Hoskins Stone in the just and full sum of Three thousand pounds current money of Maryland, to be paid unto the said John Hoskins Stone his certain Attorney, Executors Administrators, and assigns; To the which payment, well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself my heirs, Executors, Administrators, firmly by these presents; Sealed with my Seal, and dated this twenty eighth day of April in the year of Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

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The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound William Thornton do, and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said John Hoskins Stone his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or assigns, the just and full sum of Fifteen hundred pounds current Money of Maryland on or before the first day of January 1797, next ensuing the date hereof, with legal Interest thereon from the date; then the above obligation to be void and of no effect, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law:

Signed, Sealed, and delivered in the presence of Uriah Forrest, Gust.s Scott. - - } William Thornton (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, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid John Hoskins Stone by John Thomson Mason his Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid, to wit, Joseph Boone, 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 17th April. Joseph Boone Shff.

And the said William Thornton by John Mackall Gantt his Attorney appears in Court here, and thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid John Hoskins Stone by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said William Thornton give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said William Thornton by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here, the following Bail piece, to wit.

John Hoskins Stone, Plaintiff against William Thornton Defendant You Richard Forrest and Henry O. Reiley do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said William Thornton at the suit of the said John Hoskins Stone in an action of Debt, brought by the said John Hoskins Stone against the said William Thornton, in the General Court, They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this sixth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety seven

Before us, Danl. Reintzel
Thos. Corcoran.

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court of the Western Shore of Maryland. John M. Gantt is hereby authorised and empowered to appear for me in the General Court to the above action of Debt

And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid John Hoskins Stone by his Attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here, that the said William Thornton answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid John Hoskins

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