Baltimore County State of Maryland; Know all Men by these presents, that We James Gittings Junior, William Goodwin and Lyde Goodwin all of the County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto James Carroll, and John Scott Trustees for the Sale of the undivided real Estate of Captain Charles Ridgely late of Baltimore County deceased under a Decree of the High Court of Chancery of the State of Maryland bearing date the eighth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four in the sum of Two thousand pounds Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said James Carroll and John Scott or either of them or their certain Attorney or Assigns for which payment well and truly to be made We bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals dated this twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound James Gittings Junior, Lyde Goodwin, and William Goodwin or either of them, their or either of their heirs Executors or Administrators, do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named James Carroll, and John Scott Trustees as aforesaid or either of them or the survivor of them or their certain Attorney or assigns the sum of One thousand one hundred and two pounds fourteen shillings and three pence Current Money aforesaid with legal Interest for the same from the date hereof to be paid yearly and every year on or before the twenty fourth day of September in the year seventeen hundred hundred and ninety six then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of James Baker } James Gittings Jr. — (seal)
Wm. Goodwin — — (seal)
Lyde Goodwin — — (seal)

And at this day, to wit, the 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, to which said day a Copy of the aforesaid Bill was sent to the Sheriff of Baltimore County to be served on the said James Gittings Junior for plea or Judgment the first Court, come into the General Court here, the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott by Nicholas Brice their Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid (to wit,)

to wit, Henry Stevenson, Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing Bill was sent for service aforesaid likewise comes and makes return thereof; to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit. "Copy served 8th April 1797.

H Stevenson Shff.

And the said James Gittings Junior by Luther Martin his Attorney appears, Thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott by their Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said James Gittings Junior answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here, will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said James Gittings 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 James Carroll and John Scott in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott 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 James Gittings Junior had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott in the plea aforesaid come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said James Gittings by his Attorney aforesaid; And the said James Gittings Junior by his Attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c. because he saith that he the said James Gittings Junior did pay unto the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott the said sum of Money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said writing obligatory and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c.

And the aforesaid James Carroll and John Scott by their Attorney aforesaid, say, that they by any thing by the said James Gittings Junr. above in pleading from having or maintaining their Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because they say that the said (James)