aforesaid by his certain Writing obligatory sealed with his Seal and herewith into Court brought whose date is on the same day and year aforesaid which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said James and John in the aforesaid full and just sum of Two thousand pounds Current money to be paid to the said James and John when afterwards he should be thereto required Nevertheless the said William (altho' often thereto required) the aforesaid sum of Two thousand pounds Current Money as aforesaid to the said James and John hath not contented or paid but the same or any part thereof to content or pay he the said William hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said James and John have sustained Damage to the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds Current Money wherefore suit is brought &c.

N. Brice Attf. for Attfs. pledges &c. John Doe, & Richard Roe

(Oyer of Bond,

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 the survivor 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 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 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

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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 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)

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 James Carroll and John Scott by Nicholas Brice their Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to wit, Henry Stevenson, 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 served 11th April. H Stevenson Shff"

And the said William Goodwin by Luther Martin his Attorney appears in Court here, And 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 William Goodwin 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 William Goodwin 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 William Goodwin 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 William Goodwin by his Attorney aforesaid; And the said William Goodwin by his Attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid James Carroll & John Scott

(their)