him as Sheriff and shall also well and truly execute and perform the several duties required of or imposed upon him by the Laws of this State then this Obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in Law. Benj.n Ray Jr. — (seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of Richard Potts, Upton Beall, Solo. Holland — Benj.n Ray Sen.r — (seal); Henry Ayton — (seal); Thomas Rawlings — (seal); John Rawlings — (seal)

Copy Test Upton Beall Clk.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid State of Maryland by John Thomson Mason its Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid, to wit Benjamin White Jones 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.

"N.B. John Rawlins, Cepi the rest, Copies left w.th B Ray Sen.r &c,
"Thomas Rawlins 7.th April, with Henry Ayton 10.th &c, with B.
" Ray Sen.r 27.th Benj.n W. Jones Shff."

And the said Benjamin Ray Jun.r, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings by Archibald Vanhorn their Attorney come and defend the force and injury when and so forth, and say they cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the aforesaid State of Maryland so as aforesaid against them brought, nor but they owe to the aforesaid State of Maryland the aforesaid sum of Ten thousand pounds Current Money in manner and form aforesaid so as the aforesaid State of Maryland above against them hath declared.

Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the aforesaid State of Maryland recover against the said Benjamin Ray Senior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings aswell the sum of Ten thousand pounds Current Money its Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as the quantity of one thousand and sixty two pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto the aforesaid State of Maryland on its assent adjudged as well for its damages sustained by reason of the detention of that debt, as for its costs and charges by the said State about its suit, in this behalf laid out and expended, And the said Benjamin Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Sen.r

(Henry)

Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings in Mercy and so forth.

Memorandum. Judgment rendered in this Cause, on the Twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, for the Penalty of the Bond and Costs of suit, subject nevertheless to the following Terms to wit.

State of Maryland for John Thomson Mason against Benjamin Ray Jun.r Henry Ayton, Benjamin Ray Sen.r Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings

Judgment for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, To be released on the payment of Four hundred and forty three pounds fifteen shillings Current Money with Interest from the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven untill paid and Costs. The plaintiff agrees to allow the Defendants Credit for all the fees by him put into the hands of Benjamin Ray Sheriff to be collected in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven which Solomon Holland shall determine to be insolvent fees at the time when the same ought to have been collected stay Execution till first of August 1799.

May 24.th 1798. John T. Mason.

Ben Ray Self & Henry Ayton.
B. Ray Sen.r
Tho.s & Jn.o Rawlings.

Test. John Gwinn Clk.

Robert Findlay, James Hopkirk, Andrew Buchanan, George Buchanan, Matthew Blair, John Dunlop, Thomas Hopkirk & John Bannatyne against William Halkerston

Be it Remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, the said Robert Findlay James Hopkirk, Andrew Buchanan George Buchanan Matthew Blair, John Dunlop, Thomas Hopkirk, and John Bannatyne by William Cooke their Attorney sued out of the General Court, the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum, directed to the Sheriff of Charles County, in the words and figures following, to wit, The State of Maryland, &c. To the Sheriff of Charles County, greeting; We command you that you take William Halherston late of Charles County planter otherwise called William Halherston of State and County aforesaid if he shall be found in your bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on

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