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Francis Clement Dyer
against
Leonard Townshend

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the thirty first day of March seven in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, the said Francis Clement Dyer by Thomas Buchanan his attorney sued out of the General Court the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County in the words and figures following to wit.

The State of Maryland L. To the Sheriff of prince Georges County Greeting. We Command you that you take Leonard Townshend late of Prince Georges County planter otherwise called Leonard Townshend of Prince Georges County 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 the second tuesday of May next to answer unto Francis Clement Dyer of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Four hundred and twenty four pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence Current Money which to him the said Leonard owes and unjustly detains and so forth. hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the twelfth day of December Anno Domini 1796.

Issued the 31st day of March 1797 (S.S.) Jno Gwinn Clk.

And the aforesaid Francis Clement Dyer by his Attorney aforesaid on the day of issuing of the Writ aforesaid 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 ss Leonard Townshend late of Prince Georges County planter otherwise called Leonard Townshend of Prince Georges County was summoned to answer unto Francis Clement Dyer of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of four hundred and twenty four pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence Current Money which to him the said Leonard owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Francis Clement Dyer by Thomas Buchanan his Attorney saith that Whereas the said Leonard Townshend on the eleventh day of September in Thousand seven hundred and ninety five at the County aforesaid

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by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Francis Clement Dyer in the said sum of four hundred and twenty four pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence to be paid to him the said Francis Clement Dyer when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid the said Leonard Townshend (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of four hundred and twenty four pounds fifteen shilling and eight pence Current Money to him the said Francis Clement Dyer hath not rendered or paid, but the same sum of Current Money to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse; wherefore the said Francis Clement Dyer saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current Money and he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Leonard Townshend which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Thos. Buchanan for the plaintiff. pledges and so forth Jno Doe & Richd Roe

The Oyer of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof, follows in these words to wit. Know all Men by these presents that we Rinaldo Johnson and Leonard Townshend of Prince Georges County and Nicholas Blacklock of Charles County are held and firmly bound unto Francis Clement Dyer of Prince Georges County in the just and full sum of four hundred and twenty four pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence to be paid unto the said Francis Clement Dyer or to his certain attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves, heirs, Executors, Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this eleventh 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 Rinaldo Johnson do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Francis Clement Dyer or to his certain Attorney, Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of Two hundred and twelve pounds seven shillings and ten pence Current Money on or before the day of 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 Wm Kelly

(Rinaldo)