twelve shillings and four pence Current Money with legal Interest for the same from the date of these presents then this Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Alex.r Contee ——— } Richard Chew (seal)

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 and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, comes into the General Court here, the said Thomas Contee by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to whom the said Writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here thus endorsed to wit,

"Non Est. Rich.d Harwood Sheriff."

Whereupon afterwards to wit, on the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, the said Thomas Contee by his Attorney aforesaid, again sued out of the General Court here, the writ of the State of Maryland of Alias Capias ades respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in form following, to wit.

The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting. You are hereby commanded to take Richard Chew late of Anne Arundel County, planter, otherwise called Richard Chew of Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland, if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto Thomas Contee of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Four hundred and twenty three pounds four shillings and eight pence Current Money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth, Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the honourable Robert Goldsborough Esquire, Chief Judge of the said Court, the 10th day of October Anno Domini 1797.

Issued the 12th day of October 1797. Wm. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

A Copy of the said Declaration was again made and sent with the said last mentioned Writ, to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid in the form aforesaid.

At which said 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 last aforesaid Writ, Comes into the General Court here, the said Thomas Contee by his attorney

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aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to whom the said Writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit.

Copi Copy left the 21st. December John Welch Sheriff.

And the said Richard Chew by William Kelly his attorney appears in Court here; and thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid Thomas Contee by his attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Richard Chew give special bail to the action aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid, Whereupon the said Richard Chew by his attorney aforesaid files in Court here, the following, Bail piece, to wit.

Thomas Contee against Richard Chew

You Peter Emerson and Samuel Chew do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Richard Chew at the suit of the said Thomas Contee in an Action of Debt, brought by the said Thomas Contee against the said Richard Chew in the General Court They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith, this twenty second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven — Before. James Mackubin John Randall.

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court

I Richard Chew empower, authorize and appoint William Kelly Esquire to appear for me in the above action, Given under my hand and seal, this twenty second day of December in the yeer seventeen hundred and ninety seven. Richard Chew (seal)

Witness James Mackubin John Randall.

And thereupon on Motion of the aforesaid Thomas Contee by his Attorney aforesaid. It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Richard Chew answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Thomas Contee in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said Richard Chew 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 Thomas Contee in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Thomas Contee also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month, in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, to which said day the said Richard Chew had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Thomas Contee in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid Thomas Contee by his attorney

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