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The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County, Greeting. You are hereby commanded to Richard Alexander Contee late of Prince Georges County Gentleman, otherwise called Richard Alexander Contee of Prince Georges 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 Lucy Crabb of a plea that he render unto her the full and Just sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds Current Money which to her he owes and from her 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 29th. day of January Anno Domini 1798.

Issued the 29th. day of March 1798 R Sprigg John Gwinn Clk.

And the aforesaid Lucy Crabb by her attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid Writ, filed in Court here the following Declaration and Oyer of Bond, a Copy whereof was made and sent with said Writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit.

Western Shore, State of Maryland Prince Georges County &c. Richard Alexander Contee late of Prince Georges County Gentleman otherwise called Richard alexander Contee of Prince Georges County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Lucy Crabb, of a plea that he render unto her the full and just sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds Current Money which to her he owes and from her unjustly detains and so forth. And Whereupon the said Lucy Crabb by Richard Sprigg Junr. her attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid Richard alexander Contee on the fifteenth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five at the County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto her the aforesaid Lucy Crabb in the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds Current Money to be paid to her the said Lucy Crabb when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard alexander Contee (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds Current Money to her the said Lucy Crabb hath not rendered or paid, but the same sum of Current Money to her hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse; wherefore the said Lucy Crabb saith she is the worse, and hath damage to the

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Value of One thousand pounds Current Money, and therefore she brings suit and so forth; and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Richard alexander Contee which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, Witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth.

R. Sprigg Junr. for Plaintiff Pledges &c. so forth Jno. Doe Richard Roe.

Oyer of Bond.

Know all Men by these presents, That I Richard Alexander Contee of Prince Georges County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Lucy Crabb of the County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds Current Money to be paid unto the said Lucy Crabb her certain attorney Executors, Administrators or assigns; To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs, Executors and administrators, in the whole and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this fifteenth day of July 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 bounden Richard Alexander Contee, do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Lucy Crabb her certain attorney, Executors, administrators or assigns, the full and Just sum of Three hundred and seventy five pounds Current money on or before the fifteenth day of July 1796 with legal Interest thereon then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Thomas Pratt } Richd. A Contee (seal)

Indorsed on the Back as follows.

Received one years Interest on the within Bond Lucy Crabb.

Received this 29d. December 1796. sixty seven pounds ten shillings

Lucy Crabb

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, come into the General Court here, the aforesaid Lucy Crabb by Richard Sprigg her attorney aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid to wit, Notley Maddox 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 left 22d March Notley Maddox Shff.

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