they should be found in his bailiwick and them safe keep so that he have their bodies before the Justices of the then next county court to be held at the court house in Frederick Town in said county on the third tuesday of March then next to answer unto John Smith of a plea that they render unto him the sum of two hundred and seventy eight pounds eight shillings current money which from him they unjustly detain and so forth and that thereof he the said sheriff should not fail at his peril and that he should have there then that writ and so forth

At which said third tuesday of March being the fifteenth day of the same month in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five and the day of the return of the aforegoing recital writ comes the said John Smith by Robert Smith his attorney and the sheriff of Frederick county to whom the same writ was directed, also comes and makes return thereof to the court thus — endorsed to wit. "N.E Hannah, lepi the rest. A Fisher Shff

And the said John Smith by his attorney aforesaid files in court his cause of action in the plea aforesaid which follows in these words to wit. Know all men by these presents that I William Blair of Frederick county in the Province of Maryland Merchant am held and firmly bound unto John Smith of Baltimore Town Merchant in the full and just sum of two hundred and seventy eight pounds eight shillings current money to be paid to the said John Smith or to his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators and every of them firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this twenty first day of December anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy five 1775

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound William Blair or his heirs executors or administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Smith or to his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and thirty nine pounds four shillings common current money of Maryland, at or upon the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof with legal interest for the same then the above obligation to be void else to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

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And the said Samuel Blair and William Shields executors of the said William Blair by Baker Johnson their attorney come and defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray leave to imparle hereunto until the next court and they have it the same day is given to the plaintiff also

At which said next court to wit the third tuesday of August seventeen hundred and eighty five come here again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their attornies aforesaid and the said defendants by their attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until the next court and they have it the same day is given to the plaintiff also

At which said next court to wit the third tuesday of November seventeen hundred and eighty five come here again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their attornies aforesaid and the said defendants by their attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle here unto until the next court and they have it the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which said next court to wit the third tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty six come here again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their attornies aforesaid and the said defendants by their attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until the next court and they have it with the assent of the parties aforesaid, the same day is given to the plaintiff with the assent aforesaid

At which said next court to wit the third tuesday of August seventeen hundred and eighty six come here again as well the said John Smith by Richard Potts his attorney as the said — Defendants by their attorney aforesaid, and the said Defendants by their said attorney pray further leave to imparle hereunto until the next court and they have it with the assent of the parties aforesaid the same day is given to the plaintiff with the assent aforesaid

At which said next court to wit the third tuesday of November seventeen hundred and eighty six come here again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their attornies aforesaid and the said Defendants by their attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until the next court and they have it with the assent of the parties aforesaid, the same day is given to the plaintiff with the assent aforesaid.

At which said next court to wit the third tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty seven come here again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their attornies aforesaid and

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