William Blair of Frederick county in the Province of Maryland Merchant / Hannah Blair one of the defendants and executors named in the original writ in this cause having died before the return thereof as by the return of the Sheriff of the said county now remaining of record in this court will appear were summoned to answer unto John Smith in 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 whereupon the said John by Richard Potts his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid William Blair in his life time to wit on the twenty first day of December seventeen hundred and seventy five at the county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory sealed with the seal of the said William Blair acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John in the said sum of two hundred and seventy eight pounds eight shillings current money, to be paid to the said John when the said William Blair afterwards should be thereto required, and the said John in fact avers that the said Hannah Blair died after the impetration of the original writ in this cause and before the return thereof to wit at the county aforesaid. Nevertheless the aforesaid William Blair in his life time nor the said William Shields, Samuel Blair and Hannah Blair after the death of the said William Blair and in the life time of the said Hannah nor the said William Shields and Samuel Blair since the death of the said Hannah or either of them (altho' often requested) hath rendered the aforesaid sum of money to the said John but they and each of them have hitherto altogether refused to pay him the said John the said sum of money, and the said William Shields and Samuel Blair still do refuse to pay the same to the said John whereupon the said John says he is the worse and has damage to the value of five hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings suit &c.

And the said John brings into court here the writing obligatory aforesaid which testifies the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid

John Doe and Richard Roe pledges of prosecution

And the said William and Samuel by Baker Johnson their attorney come and defend the force and injury when &c. and say that the said John his action aforesaid against them to have or

maintain ought not &c. because they say that the said William Blair their testator in his life time at Frederick county aforesaid by his certain Writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound to one Peter Shover in the sum of thirteen pounds eighteen shillings and two pence specie current money to be paid to the said Peter Shover when he should be thereunto requested, which said writing was made to the said Peter Shover by the said William Blair for a true and just debt and which at the time of the death of the said William Blair was no ways paid or satisfied by the said William Blair to the said Peter Shover: And the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that the said William Blair in his life time at the county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound to one William Nail in the sum of one hundred and sixty five pounds two shillings in paper depreciated money to be paid to the said William Nail when ever after he the said William Blair should be thereunto requested which said last mentioned writing was made by the said William Blair to the said William Nail for a true and just debt and which at the time of the death of the said William Blair was no ways paid or satisfied by the said William Blair to the said Peter Shover, and the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that the said William Blair in his life time at the county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound to one William Nail in the sum of one hundred and sixty five pounds two shillings in paper depreciated money to be paid to the said William Nail when ever after he the said William Blair should be thereunto requested which said last mentioned writing was made by the said William Blair to the said William Nill for a true and just debt and which at the time of the death of the said William Blair was no ways paid or satisfied by the said William Blair to the said William Nill, and the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that the said William Blair in his life time at the county of Frederick aforesaid by his certain other writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound to a certain William Smith in the further sum of four hundred and sixty one pounds five shillings and eleven pence paper depreciated money, to be paid to the said William Smith when he should be thereunto afterwards required, which said writing obligatory last mentioned was also made by the said William Blair to the said William Smith for a True a just debt

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