Blair should be thereunto afterwards required, which said last mentioned writing obligatory was given by the said William Blair to the said Adam Rankin for a true and just debt and which at the time of the death of the said William Blair was in no ways paid or satisfied by the said William Blair to the said Adam Rankin, And the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that they have paid to George Murdock register of the Orphans Court for the county of Frederick the sum of three pounds and three pence specie current money of Maryland for the fees by Law due to him for receiving probate and recording the will of him the said William Blair for granting letters testimentary to the said William Shields and Samuel Blair upon the will of him the said William Blair and for receiving and passing the inventory and appraisement of the estate of him the said William Blair and for passing the accounts of the said William Shields and Samuel Blair relative to the administration of the estate of William Blair aforesaid, that is to say at the county of Frederick aforesaid, And the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that they have paid for the funeral expences of the said William Blair the sum of sixty one pounds ten shillings depreciated money for the funeral expences of the said William Blair that is to say at the county of Frederick aforesaid. And the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that they have paid the sum of seven hundred and twenty six pounds ten shillings depreciated money for furnishing the hous of their testator William Blair as by the will of the said William Blair they were directed that is to say at the county of Frederick aforesaid. And the said William Shields and Samuel Blair in fact aver that they have since the death of the said William Blair well and truly paid to the different persons herein before named the different sums herein before mentioned amounting in the whole to the sum of seven hundred and eighty eight pounds twelve shillings and nine pence specie current money and the sum of fifteen hundred and ninety seven pounds twelve shillings and eleven pence depreciated money that is to say on the ninth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty six at the county of Frederick aforesaid. And the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that they are by law entitled to the sum of seventy

eight pounds seventeen shillings specie current money and the further sum of one hundred and fifty nine pounds nineteen shillings and one penny depreciated currency for their trouble in administering the estate of the said William Blair that is to say at the county of Frederick aforesaid. And the said William Shields and Samuel Blair further say that they have not nor ever had in their hands any goods and chattels which were of the said William Blair at the time of his death nor at any time afterwards except goods and chattels to the value of three thousand one hundred and seventy four pounds sixteen shillings and six pence depreciated paper money and one hundred and seventy seven pounds six shillings and ten pence specie current money of Maryland, and that the said Samuel Blair and William Shields have fully administered all the goods and chattels which were of the said William Blair at the time of his death, and that they have no goods or chattels which were of the said William Blair at the time of his death in their hands to be administered nor had they on the day of suing out the original writ of the said John Smith nor at any time afterwards: and this they are ready to verify: wherefore they pray Judgment if the said John Smith his action aforesaid against them to have or maintain ought &c. And the said John Smith for that the said Samuel Blair and William Shields by their plea aforesaid do not deny but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the deed of him the said William Blair nor but that the debt aforesaid in the said writing obligatory contained is a just and true debt yet unpaid and not satisfied or discharged and have said nothing in bar or preclusion of him the said John Smith but the matter aforesaid by them the said Samuel Blair and William Shields above pleaded, that they have no goods or chattels which belonged to the said William Blair at the time of his death in their hands to be administered, and because the said John Smith is not yet advised but that the plea of the said Samuel Blair and William Shields may be true, he prays Judgment of his debt aforesaid above demanded together with his damages sustained as well by occasion of the detention of that debt as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended of the goods and chattels which belonged to the said William Blair at the time of his death which

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