Western Shore State of Maryland, Washington County sc.
Samuel Ringgold late of Washington County Gentleman, otherwise called Samuel Ringgold of Washington County was summoned to answer unto John Miller in a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of one thousand pounds Current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said John by Nicholas Brice his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Samuel on the twenty sixth day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight at Washington County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid John in the aforesaid full and just sum of one thousand pounds Current money to be paid to him the said John when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Samuel (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of one thousand pounds or any part thereof to him the said John hath not rendered or paid but the same sum of money to him the said John hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said John is the worse and hath damage to the value of Fifteen hundred pounds Current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Samuel which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

N. Brice for the Plaintiff } John Doe and
Pledges and so forth. } Richard Roe.

Oyer of the bond.

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Ringgold of Washington County, Jench Ringgold of Montgomery County and Thomas Ringgold of Baltimore County are held and firmly bound unto John Miller in the full and just sum of one thousand pounds Current money to be paid to the said John Miller his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals

seals and dated this twenty sixth day of November Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight.

Whereas the above named John Miller obtained Judgment in the General Court for the Western shore of Maryland at October Term seventeen hundred and ninety eight against the above bound Thomas Ringgold for the sum of £500 Current money damages and Costs, To be released on payment of 395 Dollars with Interest from 26th June 1797 till paid and Costs from which said Judgment the said Thomas Ringgold is about to appeal:

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Ringgold shall not prosecute the directions of the Act of Assembly entitled An Act for regulating writs of error and granting Appeals from and to the Courts of Common Law within this province at the next Court of Appeals and prosecute the same with effect and also satisfy and pay unto the said John Miller his Executors Administrators or Assigns in Case the said Judgment shall be affirmed as well all and singular the debt damages and Costs adjudged by the General Court aforesaid as also all Costs and damages that shall be awarded by the Court of Appeals aforesaid then this obligation to be and remain in full force and virtue otherwise of no effect.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of David Choat. } Thomas Ringgold (seal) Sam. Ringgold (seal) Jench Ringgold (seal)

Copies of which said declaration and oyer were made and sent to the sheriff of the County aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed, To be served on the defendant with the writ or left at his last place of abode, twenty days at least before the return of the said writ, for plea or Judgment the first Court.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and the day of the return of the foregoing writ comes into the General Court here the aforesaid John Miller by Nicholas Brice his attorney aforesaid, And the sheriff of Washington County aforesaid, to wit, John Wagoner Gentleman to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

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