which payment well and truly to be made and done we do bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators in the whole and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this thirty first day of March Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound William Emmitt and William Thields do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Charles Stewart his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in three equal annual payments to commence from the first day of December next and so on annually untill the whole is discharged with legal interest for the same then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of — Allen Quynn Junr. Mr. Porter } Wm. Emmitt (seal) Wm. Thields (seal)

Copies of which said declaration and Bond were made and sent with the said writ which issued in the plea aforesaid thereon endorsed "to be served on the defendant with the writ or left at his last place of abode at least twenty days before the return thereof for plea or Judgment the first Court.

At which said second tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and one and the day of the return of the foregoing writ comes into the General Court here the said William Stewart Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Frederick County aforesaid to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

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And the said William Emmitt by Daniel Clarke his attorney appears in Court here; and thereupon on motion of the said William ~~Emmitt~~ Stewart Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said William Emmitt give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said William Emmitt by his attorney aforesaid files in Court here a certain bail piece and which being approved of by

by the Court here is in form following to wit.

William Stewart Exor. of Charles Stewart - plaintiff against William Emmitt Defendant

You Patrick Reid and James Reid do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said William Emmitt as the suit of the said William Stewart in an action of debt brought by the said William Stewart against the said William Emmitt in the western shore General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 26th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and one. before Jos. Tern Smith. Henry Williams

To the honorable the Judges of the Western shore General Court.

D. Clarke Esquire to appear for defendant.

And thereupon on motion of the said William Stewart Executor as aforesaid by his attorney, aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said William Emmett answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said William Stewart executor as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; and the said William Emmitt by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury, when and so forth; and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said William Stewart executor as aforesaid also.

At which said second tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and one to which said day the said William Emmitt had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said William Stewart Executor as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid Come again into the General Court here as well the said William Stewart Executor as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid as the said William Emmitt by his attorney aforesaid; and the said William Emmitt by his attorney aforesaid as before, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and also of the Condition thereof and to him they are read as follows to wit.

Know all men by these presents that we William Emmitt and William Thields of Frederick County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Charles Stewart of Anarundel County