Maryland Queen Anne County to wit. Nathaniel Wright late of Queen Anne County Planter otherwise called Nathaniel Wright of Queen Anne County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto William Middleton and Sarah his Wife lately called Sarah Roe of a Plea that he render unto them the sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling Money which to them he owes & unjustly detains and so forth. And Whereupon the said William and Sarah by Joseph Nicholson Junr their Attorney say that whereas the aft. Nathaniel on the twentieth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and sixty eight at Queen Anne County aft. by his certain Writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province in the aft. sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling Money to be paid to his said Lordship when afterwards he should be thereunto required whereby action hath accrued to the said Sarah while Sole and to the said William and Sarah since the Espousals between them Celebrated to exact and have from the said Nathaniel the aft. sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling Money Nevertheless the aft. Nathaniel although often thereunto required the aft. sum of Sterling Money to the said Sarah while Sole or to the said William and Sarah after their Espousals have not rendered or Paid but the same to the said Sarah while Sole or to the said William and Sarah after their Espousals hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore they say they are the worse and have damage to the value of one thousand Pounds Sterling Money aft. and therefore they bring Suit and so forth. And bring here into Court the writing obligatory aft. sealed with the Seal of the aft. Nathaniel which the Debt aft. in form aft. witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aft. and so forth.

Pledges and so forth. — John Doe and Richd. Roe

Joseph Nicholson Junr for the Plaintiffs

And the aft. Nathaniel Wright by Solomon Wright his Attorney came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and prayed an hearing of the writing obligatory aft. and the Condition thereof and he had them as follows to wit.

Know all men by these presents that we Rachel Roe Widow Edward Wright and Nathaniel Wright Junr Gentleman all of Queen Anne County are held and firmly bound unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province in the full and just sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling Money to be paid to his said Lordship his heirs and Successors to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves & every of us our & every of our heirs Executors and Administrators in the whole & for the whole jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals & dated this 20th day of February in the 17th year of our said Lordship's Dominion &c. Annoque Domini 1768.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Rachel Roe Executrix of the last Will and Testament of James Roe late of Queen Anne County deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits which were of the deceased at the time of his death according to Law appraised in money together with the list of debts sperate and desperate and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the office for Probate of Wills &c. at or before the twentieth day of May next ensuing and the same Goods Chattels and Credits do well and truly Administer to wit do pay the debts of the said deceased which he did owe at the time of his decease so far forth as the said Goods Chattels and Credits will extend and the Law will Charge as also all such reasonable Charges and fees as have arisen or shall arise or become due to any his Lordships Officers from the said James Roe on the account of the said deceased or his Estate and further do make or cause to be made a just and true account of and upon her said Administration within twelve months from the day of her Admittance to such Administration and such parcel or portion of the said Estate as shall be found remaining upon such Account examined and adjudged by the Judge or Judges appointed for the time being for Probate of Wills &c. do distribute or dispose according to Law and the true intent and meaning of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased and lastly do at all and every time and times hereafter clearly discharge and save harmless his said Lordship his Judge and all other his officers and ministers from all persons having or pretending to have any Right Title or Interest to the said Goods and Chattels that then this obligation to be void and of no effect or else to stand remain and be in full force Power and virtue in Law.

Rachel Roe. (L.S.)

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us } E. Wright. (L.S.)

Solm. Wright. John Atkinson. } Nathaniel Wright. (L.S.)

And the aft. defendant by Solomon Wright his Attorney prayed liberty of Imparling thereof there untill the second Tuesday of April then next and he had it The same day was given to the aft. Plaintiffs there and so forth.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April 1780. came the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. defendant by his Attorney aft. prayed further liberty of Imparling thereof there untill the second Tuesday of September then next and he had it. The same day was given to the aft. Plaintiffs there and so forth.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1780 came the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. defendant by his Attorney aft. prayed further liberty of Imparling thereof there untill the second Tuesday of April then next and he had it. The same day was given to the aft. Plaintiffs there and so forth.

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