one Negro Woman Slave named Judey, and one Negro Girl Slave named Rose which are the proper Negro Slaves of the said John Anderton and which Anthony Sims of the County aft. hath taken and unjustly detains as it is said against Sureties and Pledges, to be returned if the return thereof shall be adjudged We therefore command you that the said Negroes to the said John Anderton to be replevied and delivered you cause if in your Bailiwick they shall be found, and that you put by Sureties and safe Pledges the said Anthony Sims that he be and appear before our Justices of Dorchester County at Cambridge in the said County the second Tuesday of June next to answer unto the aft. John Anderton of a plea wherefore he took the said Negro Woman Slave named Sylvia of the price of five thousand Pounds current Money, one Negro Boy Slave named Juba of the Price of five thousand Pounds current Money, one other Negro Boy Slave named Tom of the Price of five thousand Pounds current Money, one other Negro Boy Slave named Will of the Price of three thousand Pounds current Money, one other Negro Boy Slave named Isaac of the Price of three thousand Pounds current Money, one Negro Girl Slave named Henny, of the Price of three thousand Pounds current Money, one other Negro Girl Slave named Esther of the Price of three thousand Pounds current Money one Negro Woman Slave named Judey of the Price of five thousand Pounds current Money, and one Negro Girl Slave named Rose of the Price of three thousand Pounds current Money the proper Negro Slaves of the said John Anderton and them unjustly detains against Gages and Pledges and so forth And how you shall Execute this Writ that you make known unto the Justices aft. at the day and place aft. and have you then there this Writ. Witness William Emmalls Esqre. presiding Justice of our said Court the 14th day of March Anno Domini 1780. Issued the 18th March 1780

Wm. C. Harrison Clk.

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At which mentioned day to wit, on the second Tuesday in June in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty came the said John Anderton by Robert Goldsborough his Attorney And the Sheriff of the County aft. returned the Writ aft. with the following Indorsement thereon Written to wit

Maryland Dorchester County to wit. To the Worshipful the Justices within mentioned. I hereby certifie that in Obedience to the within Writ to me directed On the nineteenth day of March last past I caused the within specified Slaves to be replevied and delivered to the within named John Anderton And that I have put by sureties and safe Pledges to wit John Doe and Richard Roe the within named Anthony Sims that he be and appear at the day and place within mentioned to answer and so forth according to the Exigence of the said Writ and so forth. so Answereth

J. Woolford Sheriff D.C.

Whereupon the aft. Anthony Sims came here into this same Court on the said second Tuesday in June by Gustavus Scott his Attorney and claimed

Property in the aft. several Negroes in the Writ aft. mentioned and also produced to the same Court here the following Bond duly and legally Executed by him the said Anthony Sims which said Bond was then and there affixed of Record in the same Court and is in the words following to wit. Know all Men by the Presents that We Anthony Sims Patrick Brahawn, and Levin Kirkman all of Dorchester County Planters are held & firmly bound unto John Anderton of the County of Dorchester in the full and just sum of three thousand Pounds current Money to be paid to the same John Anderton his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns to the which payment well and faithfully to be made and done We bind our selves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this thirteenth day of June Anno Domini seventeen hundred and Eighty. Whereas the above named John Anderton hath prosecuted out of Dorchester County Court a Writ of Replevin against the above bound Anthony Sims for all and singular the several following Slaves to wit, one Negro Woman Slave named Silvia, one Negro Boy Slave named Juba, one other Negro Boy Slave named Tom, one other Negro Boy Slave named Will, one other Negro Boy Slave named Isaac, one Negro Girl Slave named Henny, one other Negro Girl Slave named Esther, one Negro Woman Slave named Judey, and one other Negro Girl Slave named Rose returnable before the Justices of Dorchester County Court by Virtue of which Writ the Sheriff of Dorchester County hath replevied and delivered to him the said John Anderton all and Singular the several Slaves before mentioned and the same Anthony Sims is now about to move the Justices of Dorchester County Court for an order for a Redelivery of the said Slaves to him the said Anthony Sims Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if Judgment shall be rendered for the same John Anderton on the Replevin aft. if then the said Anthony Sims do return the said Slaves to the same John Anderton or such of them as shall be adjudged by the Justices aft. to be the Property of the same John Anderton and do satisfy and pay to the same John Anderton his Executors Administrators or Assigns all Costs Damages and Charges which by the same Justices shall be adjudged and awarded to the said John Anderton then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force Virtue and Power in Law. Anthony Sims (Seal) Patrick Braughan (Seal) Levin Kirkman (Seal) Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of James Rule Stevens.

And the same Anthony Sims thereupon by his Attorney aft. prayed the Court that the said John Anderton might be ordered and compelled by a Rule of the said Court to redeliver to him the said Anthony Sims the aft. several Negroes in the Writ aft. mentioned which were so aft. replevied and delivered to the said John Anderton by the said Sheriff of Dorchester County aft. agreeably to the Return of the Writ aft. Whereupon it was then and there ordered and ruled by the Justices of the same Court that the said John Anderton should redeliver to the said Anthony Sims the aft. several Negroes in the Writ aft. mentioned and that the said Anthony Sims should return the several Negroes aft. to the said John Anderton in case Judgment should be rendered on the Writ aft. for the said John Anderton