the said William Hopper that he be and appear before the Judges of the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April then next to shew cause if any he hath or knoweth why the said James Nicholson and Benjamin Nicholson Execution of the Debt Damages and Costs aft.d against him the said William Hopper according to the Recovery aft.d to have ought not if to him it shall seem meet And have you then and there the Names of those before whom you shall make the same ++ known unto him and this writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Eqr. chief Judge of said Court this 22d. day of September Anno Dominie 1781.

Issued the day of 178 J.N. James Earle Clk.

At which aft.d second Tuesday of April 1782 came the aft.d James Nicholson & Benjamin Nicholson by Joseph Nicholson Junr. their Attorney. And the Sheriff of Caroline County aft.d made return of the writ aft.d in the words following to wit Nihil so answers. Henry Downes Sheriff

Whereupon It was again Commanded to the Sheriff of Caroline aft.d that by good and lawful Men of his Bailiwick he should make known unto the said William Hopper that he should be and appear before the Judges at the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of September then next to shew if any thing for himself he had or to say know wherefore the aft.d James Nicholson and Benjamin Nicholson against him the aft.d William Hopper of the Damages Costs & Charges aft.d to have ought not according to the form of the Recovery aft.d if to him it should seem expedient And that he should have then and there that writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief Judge of said Court the 3d. day of May Anno Dominie 1782. Issued the 10th June 1782. J.N. James Earle Clk.

At which aft.d second Tuesday of September 1782 came the aft.d James Nicholson and Benjamin Nicholson by their Attorney aft.d And the Sheriff of Caroline County aft.d made return of the writ aft.d in the words following to wit Made ++ known so answers. Henry Downes Sheriff

And the aft.d William Hopper by Robert Wright his Attorney came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and said That the said James and Benjamin ought not to have or maintain their Action aft.d thereof against him because he said That after the sealing and acknowledging the writing Obligatory aft.d that is to say on the Day of in the year at Caroline County aft.d He the said William Hopper did well and truly pay unto the said James and Benjamin the said seven hundred and sixty six Pounds twelve shillings and six pence current money of Maryland aft.d And that he was ready to verify wherefore he prayed Judgment if the said James and Benjamin ought to have or maintain their Action thereof aft.d against him. And the aft.d James and Benjamin by their Attorney aft.d said that notwithstanding anything above pleaded by the said William Hopper they said James and Benjamin ought not to be precluded from having or maintaining their Action aft.d against him the said William Hopper because they said that the said William Hopper did not pay unto them the said James and Benjamin the said seven hundred and sixty six Pounds twelve shillings and six pence

current money of Maryland aft.d in manner and form as the aft.d William Hopper hath above by his plea alledged And this he prayed might be enquired of by the Country and so forth. And the aft.d William Hopper in like manner and so forth. Therefore a Jury was ordered to come before the Court there the second Tuesday of April then next Twelve and so forth. Who neither and so forth. To recognize and so forth. Because as well and so forth. The same day was given to the aft.d William Hopper there and so forth.

At which aft.d second Tuesday of April 1783 came the Parties aft.d by their Attorney aft.d Therefore a Jury was further ordered to come before the Court there the second Tuesday of September then next Twelve and so forth. Who neither and so forth. To recognize and so forth because as well and so forth. The same day was given to the aft.d William Hopper there and so forth.

At which aft.d second Tuesday of September 1783 came the parties aft.d by their Attorney aft.d Therefore a Jury was further ordered to come before the Court there the second Tuesday of April then next Twelve and so forth. Who neither and so forth. To Recognize & so forth because as well and so forth. The same day was given to the aft.d William Hopper there and so forth.

And now here to wit the second Tuesday of April 1784 cometh cometh the aforesd. James and Benjamin by their Attorney aft.d And the aft.d William Hopper although solemnly called cometh not but maketh default. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the aft.d James and Benjamin have Execution against the aft.d William Hopper for their Debt and Damages aft.d by the default aft.d of the aft.d William Hopper and so forth. And it is further considered by the Court here that the aft.d James and Benjamin do recover against the said William Hopper Pounds of Tobacco for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this part apposed according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided Adjudged And that they have thereof also Execution and so forth. James Earle Clk

William Hayward Assignee of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit. June 1774. against Henry Lowes	The State of Maryland sent to the Sheriff of Somerset County her close writ in the words following viz. The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Somerset County Greeting Whereas it appears by the Records of our General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland that Henry Lowes of Somerset County and William Hayward of Talbot County Gentleman did by their

certain Writing obligatory now affixed of Record in the same Court bearing date the thirteenth day of April Anno Dominie seventeen hundred and seventy acknowledge themselves to be held and firmly bound unto Robert Couden and John Clapham Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit established by act of Assembly of the Province of Maryland in the sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling And whereas it also appears by our said Records that the said William Hayward hath paid and satisfied unto Benjamin Harwood and Thomas Gafeaway Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit and Successors to the aft.d Robert Couden and John Clapham Commissioners as aft.d the Principle and Interest due on the said writing obligatory and has obtained from the said Commissioners an Af-