Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the aforesaid Anthony Banning in manner and form following, to wit. Kent County fs. Anthony Banning late of Kent County otherwise called Anthony Banning of Kent County Maryland Merchant, was summoned to answer unto Rebecca Ringgold of a plea that he render unto her the sum of seven hundred pounds current money of Maryland which to her he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Rebecca by William Tilghman her Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Anthony the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory with his seal sealed and to the Court here shown, whose date is the same day and year, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Rebecca in the aforesaid sum of seven hundred pounds, to be paid to the said Rebecca when he should be thereto required: Nevertheless the said Anthony (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesaid seven hundred pounds to the said Rebecca hath not paid but the same to her to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Rebecca one thousand pounds current money of Maryland and thereupon she brings Suit &c.

William Tilghman Atty for Plaintiff Pledges of Prosecuting Jn.o Doe & Rich.d Roe

And the aforesaid Anthony Banning by his Attorney aforesaid defended the force and injury when and so forth and prayed an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath them as follows - to wit

Kent County fs. Know all Men by these Presents that I Anthony Banning of Kent County Maryland Merchant am held and firmly bound unto Rebecca Ringgold of the same County singlewoman in the sum of seven hundred pounds current money to be paid unto the said Rebecca Ringgold her certain Attorney her Exors Administrators or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Exors and Admors firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy eight — Whereas the above bound Anthony Banning is indebted unto and has taken on loan of the aforesaid Rebecca Ringgold the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money upon Interest at the rate of four pounds per Cent per Annum for the same to commence from the Date hereof

which said principal or sum of three hundred and fifty pounds it has been agreed upon between the said Parties is to be kept and retained by the said Anthony Banning his Exors and Administrators and to be continued in his or their hands as a loan as aforesaid untill and to such time as payment thereof shall be demanded by the said Rebecca Ringgold her Executors Admors or Assigns And that the said Anthony Banning his Exors or Administrators is not to tender or make payment of the said sum of three hundred and fifty pounds to the said Rebecca Ringgold her Exors Admors or Assigns until such demand and request as aforesaid is made. The Condition therefore of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Anthony Banning his Heirs Exors or Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the afd. Rebecca Ringgold her Exors Administrators or Assigns the aforesaid sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money with Interest thereon at the rate afd. to commence from the Date hereof as aforesaid at and upon the Demand and request of the said Rebecca Ringgold her Exors Admors or Assigns to be made in writing and do and shall not at any time before or untill such demand and request as aforesaid is made by the said Rebecca Ringgold her Exors Admors or Assigns make tender or payment of the said Principal or sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money then the above obligation to be void else to remain and be in full force and virtue in Law

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

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which being read and heard the said Anthony Banning by his Attorney aforesaid prayed the liberty of imparling hereunto until the second Tuesday of April then next and it was granted unto him; the same day was given to the said Rebecca Ringgold and so forth.

At which day to wit the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty five came again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid aforesaid. And the aforesaid Anthony Banning by his Attorney aforesaid prayed further liberty of imparling thereof until the second Tuesday of September then next and it was granted unto him. the same day was given to the said Rebecca Ringgold and so forth.

At which day to wit the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty five came again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the aforesaid Anthony Banning by his Attorney aforesaid prayed further liberty of imparling thereof until the second Tuesday of April then next, and it was granted unto him. the same