whereupon it was said to the said William Brown and Peter Lawson that if they did not answer to the Declaration aforesaid by the time aforesaid Judgment should be rendered against him by Default; The same day was given to the said John Stoops thereof &c

And Now here at this Day, to wit; The said second Tuesday in April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the said John Stoops by his Attorney aforesaid as the said William Brown and Peter Lawson by their Attorney aforesaid: Nevertheless the said William Brown and Peter Lawson by their Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the argument above by them pretended says that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of him the aforesaid John Stoops so as aforesaid against them brought nor but that the writing obligatory is the Deed of them the said William Brown and Peter Lawson, nor but that they owe to him the said John Stoops the sum of three hundred pounds current money in manner and form as the said John Stoops above against them hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the court here that the said John Stoops do recover against the said William Brown and Peter Lawson the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged; as also the quantity of seven hundred and sixteen pounds of Tobacco as well for his Damages which he hath Sustained by occasion of the Detention of that Debt as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended with his assent adjudged &c. and the said William Brown and Peter Lawson in mercy &c.

James Earle Tilts

Judgment was confessed in the above action on the fifteenth day of April 1788. for Penalty and costs: Penalty to be released on payment of Principal Interest & Costs with a stay till September term thereon next payments if any to be allowed

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John Stoops ....
against
William Brown and
Peter Lawson ....

Be it Remembered that on the thirtieth day of October seventeen hundred and eighty six Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take William Brown and Peter Lawson late of Cecil County Gentlemen if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their Bodies 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 next to answer unto John Stoops of a Plea that he render unto him the sum of six hundred Pounds Specie of the value of six hundred Pounds current money which to him they owe and unjustly detains and so forth: And that

thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his Peril and that he should have then and there this writ &c. — And the said John Stoops by Peregrine Letherbury his Attorney Declared against the said William Brown and Peter Lawson in manner and form following to wit; — E Shore General Court Cecil County to wit; William Brown and Peter Lawson late of Cecil County Gentlemen were summoned to answer unto John Stoops of a Plea that they render unto him the sum of six hundred pounds Specie of the value of six hundred pounds current money, which to him they owe and unjustly detain, and so forth. And whereupon the said John Stoops by Peregrine Letherbury his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid William and Peter on the twenty ninth Day of November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four at Cecil County aforesaid, by their certain writing Obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said John in the aforesaid sum of six hundred pounds Specie of the value of six hundred pounds current Money, to be paid to the said John when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid William and Peter (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Six hundred pounds Specie or the value thereof to the said John have not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay they have and each of them hath altogether refused and still do refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of fifty pounds current Money aforesaid and therefore he brings Suit and so forth: And brings here into Court the Writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seals of the aforesaid William and Peter which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the Date whereof is the Day and Year aforesaid and so forth.

Pere: Letherbury (for the Plaintiff. Pledges and so forth John Doe and Richard Roe

The Writing Obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid ensues thus, to wit; Know all Men by these presents, that we William Brown and Peter Lawson Gentlemen both of Cecil County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto John Stoops of the County & State aforesaid (Farmer) in the sum of six hundred pounds, Specie to be paid to the said John Stoops his certain Attorney, Exr. Adm. or Assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs Exs. and Adms. firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals Dated this twenty ninth Day of November in the year of Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four... The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden William Brown and Peter Lawson their Executors Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned John Stoops his certain Attorney Exr. Adm. or Assigns the just and full sum of three hundred pounds Specie at or upon the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six with legal Interest from the ensuing any fraud or further Delay then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to