ledged; and also the Quantity of eight hundred and forty one pounds seventeen and three fifths 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 expended, unto the said William Hambleton by the Court here with his assent adjudged &c. And the said John Gibson in mercy &c.

James Earle Clk:

Judgment was confessed in this cause on the fifteenth day of April for penalty and costs; to be released on the payment of principal, Interest and costs — Stay of Execution till September Term —

James Jaffray
against
James Cooke and Mary his wife Administratrix of Benedict Brice

Command was given to the Sheriff of Caroline County, on the fourteenth day of August, seventeen hundred and eighty eight, that he should take James Cooke and Mary his wife, late of Caroline County, Administratrix of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits, which were of Benedict Brice late of Caroline County deceased, if they should be found in his bailiwick, and them should safe keep, so that he might have their bodys before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, in Talbot County, at the Court-house in the same County, the second Tuesday of September then next, to answer unto James Jaffray of a plea, that they render unto him the sum of two hundred and thirty one pounds four shillings, current money, which from him they unjustly detain and so forth: and that he should have then and there that writ. At which day, to wit, the second Tuesday in September, here came the afs.d James Jaffray by Gustavus Scott his Attorney, and William Bankes, Sheriff of the County afs.d, also came, and made return to the Court here, that he had taken the bodies of the said James Cooke and Mary his wife, Administratrix as afs.d, and the same had ready according to the exigence of of the same writ. And the said James Cooke and Mary his wife by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon day was given as well to the said James Jaffray as to the said James Cooke and Mary his wife until the second Tuesday in April then next following. At which day, to wit, the second Tuesday in April, seventeen hundred and eighty nine, here came the parties afs.d, by their Attorneys afs.d and the afs.d James

Jaffray by his Attorney afs.d affiled his Declaration in the plea afs.d, against the said James Cooke and Mary his wife, Administratrix as afs.d, in manner and form following, to wit; Eastern Shore of Maryland, Caroline County, to wit; James Cooke and Mary his wife late of Caroline County Administratrix of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of Benedict Brice late of Caroline County deceased were summoned to answer unto James Jaffray of a plea that they render unto him the sum of two hundred and thirty one pounds four shillings current money, which from him they unjustly detain and so forth: And thereupon the same James Jaffray by Gustavus Scott his Attorney saith that whereas the afs.d Benedict in his life time, to wit, the first day of April, in the Year seventeen hundred and eighty four, at the County afs.d, by his certain Bill Obligatory, sealed with the seal of the afs.d Benedict, in his life time, and here into Court brought, the date whereof is the same day and year afs.d, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the same James Jaffray, in the afs.d sum of two hundred and thirty one pounds four shillings, current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said James Jaffray whenever after he should be thereto required: To the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done he the same Benedict bound himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by the same Bill Obligatory: Nevertheless the afs.d Benedict in his life time, or the afs.d Mary, after the death of the afs.d Benedict (to which said Mary Administration of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the same Benedict at the time of his death, at Caroline County afs.d, after the death of the same Benedict, in due form of Law was committed) whilst she was Sole, or the afs.d James Cooke and Mary after espousals between them celebrated, at the often required, the afs.d sum of money or any part thereof unto the same James Jaffray yet hath not rendered, nor have any of them rendered the same, but that unto him to render have refused; and the afs.d James Cooke and Mary the same unto him the said James Jaffray to render or pay have refused, and the afs.d James Cooke and Mary that unto the same James Jaffray still do refuse and unjustly detain: Wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of five hundred pounds, current money of Maryland, and thereupon he brings Suit &c.

Gustavus Scott Pledges { John Doe / Rich.d Roe

The Bill Obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration afs.d ensues in the words and figures following, to wit; Baltimore the 1st April 1784.

I promise to pay unto James Jaffray or Order the sum of two hundred thirty one pounds 4/- currency value rec.d of him in bondage, as witness my