The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid, enaues in the words following, towit: Know all men by these presents, that we John Stoops, Edward Stoops and William Stoops all of Cecil County and State of Maryland farmers am held and firmly bound unto James Marshall of Brandywine, New Castle County and State of Dalaway Miller in the full and just sum of two hundred and forty four pounds sixteen shillings in Spanish Milled Dollars weighing seventeen penny weight six grains Silver to be paid unto the said James Marshall, or to his certain Attorney, Heirs, Exors, Admrs or Assigns; to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Exors, Admrs and Assigns, each and every of them firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this twelfth day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.. The Condition of the above obligation is such that, if the above bound John Stoops, Edward Stoops and William Stoops or either, their Heirs Exors, Admrs or any of them do and well do well and truly pay or cause to be paid and delivered unto the aforesaid James Marshall, or to his certain Attorney, Heirs Exors, Admrs or Assigns at Thomas Starrs near Appoquinimink Bridge in New Castle County and State of Dalaway the Quantity of three hundred and six bushell and one eight of a bushel of good sound merchantable wheat weighing sixty pounds ℔ Bushell adding or deducting two pence ℔ pound for over or under weight on or before the twentyeth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three without any further fraud or delay whatever; then the above obligation to be void and of no effect, otherways to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of J. Hughes, Sarah Hughes — John Stoops (seal), Edward Stoops (seal), William Stoops (seal)

On the back of the original Bond were the following Endorsements, to wit:
Recd the 5th, 8d 1784. of John, Mm and Edward Stoops, three hundred Bushs of wheat wt 56lbs ℔ bushl by the hands of Jacob Starr ℔ William Mellon Order in part of the within Bond ℔ — Jas Marshall
300 Bushels wt 56lbs ℔ bus.

New Castle County ss. James Marshall proved before me, John Lea one of the Justices of Peace for said County that the Ballance of the within Bond, together with the Interest is justly due to him and that he has never received any part thereof except what is credited as above — June ye 19th 1786. Before John Lea — Probat C.

James Marshall.

And the said James Marshall by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that a rule of Court be made for the said John Stoops to file his plea and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of him the said James Marshall at the next April Term, and it was granted unto him — And the said John Stoops by his Attorney aforesaid, defended the force and injury when andsoforth and prayed the futh liberty of imparling therein untill the second Tuesday of April then next following and it was granted unto him; the same day was given to the said James Marshall then andsoforth... At which day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty nine came the said James Marshall by his Attorney aforesaid, and ~~said~~ that the said John Stoops the Defendant was dead, and that he died since the last Continuance, to wit, on the ____ day of ____ at Cecil County aforesaid, leaving and appointing a certain William Ward Exor of his last Will and Testament, and prayed the Court to direct a Summons to issue for the said William Ward Exor as aforesaid, commanding him to be and appear at the next General Court, and it was granted unto him — Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here, thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of September next following. Thereupon command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County on the twenty fifth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty nine that he should summon William Ward of Cecil County acting Exor of John Stoops late of Cecil County deceased, that all excuses and delays set aside he be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of September then next; and then and there agreeable to an Act of Assembly in such cases lately made and provided cause himself to be made a party in a certain Action of Debt then depending in our said Court wherein a certain James Marshall was Plantiff and the said John Stoops deceased was Defendant, and that he should have then and there that Writ —