you that by good and lawful men of your Bailiwick, you make known unto the said Patrick Hamilton that he be and appear before the Justices of our County Court, to be held at Elkton the Monday before the second Tuesday of October Instant, to shew cause if any thing for himself he hath or knoweth, to say why the said John Nixon, Benjamin Fuller, David Hayfield Cunningham, John Donaldson and William West, Exors as aforesaid, Execution of the Debt, Damages and Costs aforesaid, according to the Recovery aforesaid against 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 and this Writ. Witness Joseph Gilpin Esquire, Chief Justice of our said Court, the 5th day of August Anno Domini 1788. Issued the 6th day of October 1788.

B Williams Clk.

And now here at this day, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of Octobr. in the year aforesaid, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, comes the said John Nixon, Benjamin Fuller, David Hayfield Cunningham, John Donaldson and William West Exors as aforesaid by William Barnett their Attorney, and the Sheriff of Cecil County to whom the same Writ was directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court now here thus endorsed, to wit. "To the Justices of Cecil County Court. I certify that by Virtue of the within Writ, to me directed, I made known to Samuel Magill and Michael Hedrick good and lawful men of my Bailiwick, unto the within named Patrick Hamilton that he be and appear before the Justices of our County Court, at the time and place within contained to shew cause and so forth as by the same Writ, I am commanded, so answereth

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and the aforesaid Patrick Hamilton by Perquine Lethbury his Attorney comes defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave to imparle hereto until next next Court and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty nine, comes again the said parties, Plaintiff and Defendant, by their Attorneys aforesaid; and the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid, prays further leave to imparle hereto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of June in the year aforesaid, comes again as well the said John Nixon, Benjamin Fuller, David Hayfield Cunningham, John Donaldson and William West Exors as aforesaid, by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Patrick Hamilton by his Attorney aforesaid: and the said John Nixon, Benjamin Fuller, David Hayfield Cunningham, John Donaldson and William West, Exors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid produces to the Court now here the following Certiorari, to wit: The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Clerk of Cecil County Greeting. Whereas lately in our said Court, a certain Patrick Hamilton late of Cecil County, was summoned to answer unto John Nixon, Benjamin

Fuller, David Hayfield Cunningham, John Donaldson and William West, Exors of the last Will and Testament of William West deceased of a plea that he render unto them the sum of three hundred and fourteen pounds current money a certain Debt, as also the sum of three hundred pounds of Tobacco; which said plea is still depending before you, our said Justices in the nature of a Scire facias in our said County Court, as it is said, undetermined; and we being desirous, for certain reasons, that the Record and Proceedings in in the plea aforesaid, should by you be certified to us; do command you, that you send, under your seals, the Record of the Proceedings aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid, with all things touching the same, unto our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Talbot County Court Court house, the second Tuesday of Septr. next, plainly and distinctly, and in as full ample manner, as it now remains before you, together with this Writ, so that we may be able thereon to proceed, and to do what shall appear to us of right ought to be done. Witness the Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, this sixth day of May Anno Domini 178[illegible] Issued the 29th day of June 1789.

Test. James Earle Clk.

Thereupon it is ordered by the Court now here that the Record and Proceedings, with all things thereunto relating, be transmitted accordingly.

B Williams Clk.

Cecil County Court Seal

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office for the County aforesaid this 30th day of July 1789.

B Williams Clk.

The writing obligatory on which this Action is founded, ensues in the words following, to wit: "Know all men by these presents, that we Patrick Hamilton and John Hamilton Junior of Charles Town Maryland, Merchants, and Reverend John Hamilton of the same place Clerk are and firmly bound unto William West of Philadelphia, Merchant in just and full of three hundred and fourteen pounds Pennsylvania Currency; to be paid to the said William West, his Exors, Admrs or Assigns; to the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our Heirs, Exors and Admrs firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated the thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden Patrick Hamilton and John Hamilton junior, their Heirs, Exors or Admrs, or either of them shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named William West, his Exors, Admrs or Assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty seven pounds Currency as above in six months, from the date with legal Interest thereon, without fraud or further delay, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Isd Ferguson, John Maybury

Patk Hamilton (Seal)
John Hamilton Jr. (Seal)
John Hamilton (Seal)

On the back of the original Bond was the following endorsement, to wit: Recd July 17th 1773 sixty three pounds in part of Principal and Interest of the within