Eastern Shore, Dorchester County, ss. Charles Le Compte of Philemon late of Dorchester County planter was summoned to answer unto John Le Compte of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money which from he unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the same John by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney saith that the said Charles on the sixth day of May in the year of Lord seventeen hundred and seventy four at Dorchester County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, which sealed with the seal of the said Charles, the said John here in Court doth bring, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, current money of Maryland, to be paid unto the said John or his Assigns when he the said Charles should be thereto afterwards required; to which payment well and truly to be made, the said Charles did bind himself firmly by the same writing. Nevertheless the said Charles, all the often thereto required, the sum of money aforesaid, or any part thereof, to the said John yet hath not paid, but the same to him to pay, hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse, to the Damage of the said John in the sum of one hundred pounds, current money and thereupon he brings this suit &c.

Mr. Hammond ptff. John Doe, Rich.d Roe, Hodges &c.

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid, answer in the words and figures following, to wit: Maryland ss. Know all men by these presents that we James Le Compte son of James and Charles Le Compte son of Philemon of Dorchester County in the Province aforesaid, Planters, are jointly and severally bound and held unto John Le Compte of Chicamicomico, Planter in the County and Province aforesaid in the full and just sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money of Maryland, to be paid unto the said John Le Compte, his certain Attorney, his Heirs, Exors, Admrs or Assigns; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our joint and several Heirs, Exors and Admrs firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this sixth day of May Anno Domini 1774.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound James Le Compte and Charles Le Compte do, shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Le Compte of Dorchester County, his certain Attorney, Exors, Admrs or Assigns the just sum of seventy five pounds good and lawful money of Maryland with legal Interest thereon, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Matthew Boydell, Rebekah Le Compte — James Le Compte junr (seal) — Charles Le Compte (seal)

And the said John by his Attorney aforesaid, prayed that a rule of Court might be made for the said Charles to file his plea and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of him the said John by the second Tuesday of September then next following, and it was granted unto him; Whereupon it was said to the said Charles, by the Court here, that he should answer to the Declaration aforesaid by the second Tuesday of September then next following; and it was said to the said Charles, that if he did not answer to the Declaration aforesaid, by the day aforesaid, Judgment should be rendered against him by default, the same day was given unto the said John there and so forth. And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September, seventeen hundred and ninety, came again the parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the same Charles by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid and he hath it in the words and figures following, to wit: _____ which being read and heard he also prays oyer of the Condition of the same and he hath it in the words following, to wit: which being read and heard, he saith that the same John ought not to have or maintain his Action aforesaid thereof against him, because he saith that on the seventh day of May which was in the year seventeen hundred seventy and four at the County of Dorchester aforesaid he paid to the same John the sum of money in the Condition of the said Bond mentioned, together with the Interest which had accrued thereon which he the same Charles is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment whether the same John his Action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain ought &c. And the said John by his Attorney aforesaid