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And the said Thomas Hopp by his Attorney filed in Court here his Declaration against the said Thomas Ringgold, which here ensues.

Eastern Shore of Maryland - Kent County, towit. Thomas Ringgold late of Kent County planter, otherwise called Thomas Ringgold of Kent County Gentleman, was summoned to answer unto Thomas Hopp of a plea that he render unto him the sum of Three hundred and thirty six pounds seven shillings Current money of Maryland which to him he owes, wrongfully detains and &c. And whereupon the said Thomas Hopp by Benjamin Darnall his Attorney says that whereas the aforesaid Thomas Ringgold on the twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, at Kent County aforesd by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Thomas Hopp in the aforesaid sum of Three hundred and thirty six pounds seven shillings Current money aforesaid, to be paid to him the said Thomas Hopp on or before the first day of June then next ensuing. Nevertheless the said Thomas Ringgold (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesd sum of Three hundred and thirty six pounds seven shillings Current money aforesd to him the said Thomas Hopp hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him to render or pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse, whereby he says he is injured & hath damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit &c. &c. and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesd sealed with the seal of the aforesd Thomas Ringgold which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesd witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year first aforesd &c. &c.

Benjn. Darnall for Plff. Pledges &c. &c. John Doe & Richd. Roe.

The writing obligatory above mentioned here ensues.

Know all Men by these presents that I Thomas Ringgold of Kent County and State of Maryland, Gentleman, am held and firmly bound unto Thomas Hopp of Somerset County and said State in the full & just sum of Three hundred and thirty six pounds seven shillings Current money of said State, to be paid unto the said Thomas Hopp his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with the seal & dated this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Thomas Ringgold do & shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Hopp his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of One hundred & sixty eight pounds three shillings & six pence Currency on or before the first day of June with legal Interest thereon, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force

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and virtue in Law. Signed, Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

Thos. Ringgold (Ls.)

Ringgold. —

Three Copies of the aforegoing Declaration and Bond were made & sent to the Sheriff of Kent County to be by him served on the said Thomas Ringgold with the Writ or left at his last place of abode at least twenty days before the second Tuesday in September then next. — At which said second Tuesday in September towit, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, being the day for the return for the aforegoing Writ, here came into our General Court the said Thomas Hopp by his said Attorney; and the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the said Writ was directed also came here into Court and made return thereof thereon then endorsed, towit. "Copy - Served 10th. September Philip Reed Shff Kent County." — And the said Thomas Ringgold being called appeared here in Court by Robert Wright his Attorney, and at the prayer of the said Thomas Hopp the said Thomas Ringgold was ruled to give Special Bail to this Action: Whereupon a certain Joseph Rasin of Kent County came here into Court in his proper person and became bail for the said Thomas Ringgold and granted, that if it should happen that Judgment should be by the Court here rendered for him the said Thomas Hopp against the said Thomas Ringgold that then, as well the debt aforesd, as all such damages, Costs & Charges, which should be by the said Court to the said Thomas Hopp in this part awarded, of his Body, Goods & Chattels, should be made and to the use of the said Thomas Hopp levied if he the said Thomas Ringgold should not pay & satisfy the said Debt & Costs, or render his Body to the prison of Kent County in satisfaction thereof. — And the said Thomas Ringgold by his said Attorney prayed the liberty of imparling to this Action until the second Tuesday in April then next, and it was granted unto him: The same day was given to the said Thomas Hopp there &c. — At which said second Tuesday in April, towit, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three, here came again the said parties by their said Attorneys: And the said Thomas Hopp by his said Attorney prayed that the said Thomas Ringgold might be ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration aforesd on or before the second Tuesday in September then next, & that Judgment on default thereof against him might be rendered, and it was granted unto him: The same day was given to him the said Thomas Hopp there &c. — And now here at this day towit, the second Tuesday in September, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, come again into Court here the said parties by their said Attorneys: And the said Thomas Ringgold by his Attorney defends the force and injury when &c. and says that he cannot gainsay this the Action of the said Thomas Hopp aforesd against him brought, nor can he deny that he owes and unjustly detains from the said Thomas Hopp the said sum of Three hundred and thirty six pounds seven shillings Current