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Know all Men by these presents that I James Ringgold of Chester Town, Kent County, am held and firmly bound unto Susanna Medford of the County aforesaid in the full & just sum of Thirteen hundred & sixty six pounds three shillings & six pence Current money of Maryland; to be paid unto the said Susanna Medford her certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs, Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal & dated this first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty nine. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound James Ringgold do and shall well & truly pay & cause to be paid unto the said Susanna Medford her certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just & full sum of Six hundred & eighty three pounds one shilling & nine pence Current money as aforesaid on or before the first day of June 1792 with legal Interest thereon; then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force & virtue in Law.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of Joseph Rasin Junr. } James Ringgold (Seal)

On the back of the original Bond were the following endorsements.

July 1. 1790. Received of Mr. James Ringgold forty pound ten shillings for the use of the Intant on this Bond. Susanna Medford.

November 3. 1791. Received of Mr. James Ringgold eighteen pound in part Intent of the within Bond.

And the said James Ringgold by his said Attorney defends the wrong & injury when &c. & says that he cannot gainsay this the Action of the said Susanna Medford &c. & prays against him brought, nor can he deny, that the writing obligatory aforesaid is his deed & that he the said James Ringgold, ought, he owes and unjustly detains from the said Susanna Susanna Medford the said sum of Thirteen hundred and sixty six pounds, three shillings & six pence Current money as the said Susanna Medford has complained against him: Whereupon it is Ordered & Adjudged by the said Court here that the said Susanna Medford do recover against the said James Ringgold the said Debt as above confessed, as also the Quantity of Six hundred & sixty one pounds of Tobacco, which to her was Awarded for her Costs & Charges by her about this her suit expended: And the said James Ringgold in mercy &c. James Earle Junr. Clk

Judgment was awarded in this Action on the 18th day of September 1790 for the sum of £1366. 3. 6 Current money & Costs: To be released on the payment of £683. 1. 9 Current money, with Interest thereon from the 1st day of June 1790. the said Costs & payments if any to be allowed.

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State of Maryland, use of The Justices of the Poor of Kent County against Philip Reed.

Be it remembered that on the fifth day of September, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County that he should take Philip Reed late of Kent County, Gentleman, if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday in September then instant, to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of four thousand pounds Current money which to the said State he owes and unjustly detains & hath and that he should have then & there that Writ, &c.

At which said second Tuesday in September, to wit, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, being the day for the return of the above mentioned Writ, came into our said General Court here the said State of Maryland by William Tilghman her Attorney: And the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the said Writ was directed and delivered also came here into Court and made return thereof thereon then endorsed, "Copy - Geo. Medford Sh." And the said Philip Reed being called appeared here in Court by Robert Wright his Attorney: Thereupon the said State of Maryland by her Attorney filed her Declaration in this Cause against the said Philip Reed, which here enquires. Eastern Shore of Maryland. Kent County, to wit.

Philip Reed late of Kent County Gentleman, was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of four thousand pounds, Current money which to the said State he owes, & unjustly detains & hath. And whereupon the State of Maryland by James Houston Attorney for the State aforesaid, that whereas the said Philip Reed on the twenty sixth day of October in the year seventeen hundred & ninety one at Kent County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be bound to the said State in the aforesaid sum of four thousand pounds Current money to be paid to the said State when he the said Philip Reed should be thereto required. Nevertheless the said Philip Reed although often required, hath not paid the said sum of four thousand pounds but hath hitherto refused & still doth refuse to pay the same, to the State's damage of twenty pounds & therefore the said State brings Suit, &c. And brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the said Philip Reed which testifies the debt aforesaid &c. & found &c. the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid &c.

James Houston for Pltff. Pledges &c. John Doe & Richd. Roe.

The writing obligatory above mentioned here enquired.

Kent County - State of Maryland.

Know all Men by these presents that we Philip Reed, Elijah Massey, Robert Clothier & Elisha Massey of Kent County in the State aforesaid are held &