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October next ensuing the date hereof, and in all things as Sheriff of the County of Somerset shall behave himself well, honestly towards all Persons according to the best of his Power, skill and knowledge: Then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to stand in full force, strength and vertue —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, in Presence of } George Robertson (Seal)
William Polk, Nehemiah King } James Robertson (Seal)
William Ballard (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Bond was, then written, towit. —

Somerset County, towit, We the Subscribers do hereby certify that the written bond was executed before us, and that we did approve of the Securities therein certified by us this 25th Nov: 1791 —

John Done, Henry Jackson —

November the 25th 1791. came the written named William Polk and Nehemiah King before the Subscriber, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the written named George Robertson, James Robertson and William Ballard sign, and seal the written Bond and deliver it as their Act and Deed for the use aforesaid for the purposes written mentioned —

John Done, Henry Jackson —

Recorded in Liber I folio 299. on the twentieth day of December Anno Domini 1791.

Test. Thomas Hayward Clk: — Test. James Earle Junr. Clk —

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayed that the said William Ballard might be laid under a rule of the said Court to file his Plea in answer to the Declaration aforesaid, on or before the second Tuesday of September then next following and the same was granted — Thereupon further Process of law upon the Premises aforesaid, between the Parties aforesaid, by consent of the said Parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon was continued unto the second Tuesday of September thence next following. At which day, towit, the second Tuesday of September in the year seventeen hundred & ninety five, came again into Court here the Parties aforesaid by their attornies aforesaid: And thereupon the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid, prays that the said William Ballard may be laid under a rule of the said Court to file his Plea in answer to the Declaration of the said State, on or before the second Tuesday of April then next, or on default thereof Judgement may be entered against him the said William, for the the said State, and the same was granted — Thereupon further Process of law upon the Premises aforesaid, between the Parties aforesaid, by consent of the said Parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of April then next following — At which day, towit, the second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, came again into Court here the Parties aforesaid by their attornies aforesaid. And thereupon the said State by her Attorney aforesaid prays that the said William Ballard may be laid under a rule of the said Court to file his Plea in answer to the Declaration of the said State, on or before the second Tuesday of September then next, or on default thereof Judgement may be entered for the said State against him the said William Ballard, and the same was granted. Thereupon further Process of law upon the Premises aforesaid, between the Parties aforesaid by consent of the said Parties and their Attornies aforesaid by order of the Court here thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of September then next following. At which day, towit, the second Tuesday of September in the year aforesaid, came again into Court here the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid — And the said William Ballard by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury, when &c. and saith, that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said State, nor can he deny but that he ought unto the said State the aforesaid full sum of just Quantity of two hundred thousand Pounds of good, sound,

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Merchantable leaf Tobacco cask, in manner and form as the said State above against him hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said State recover against the said William Ballard as well the said full sum of just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good, sound, Merchantable leaf Tobacco and costs his Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, as the quantity of six hundred and thirty three pounds of Tobacco for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended, adjudged unto the said State by the Court here, with her Assent, and the said William Ballard in Mercy &c. —

James Earle Junr. Clk.

Memorandum. Judgement was confessed in this Action on the sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, for Penalty Costs of suit. To be released on payment of £37 1.7 with Interest thereon from the 20th day of April 1796. till paid and Costs of suit —

State, use of John and William Hayward Executors of Thomas
against
George Robertson

Be it remembered that on the twenty fifth day of August, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, Command was given to the Coroner of Somerset County, that he, or they should take George Robertson State of Somerset County Esquire if he should be found in his or their Bailiwick, and him should safe keep, so that he or they might have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at Easton, in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of September then next, to answer unto the State of Maryland, of a plea that he render unto the said State, the full sum and just Quantity of two hundred thousand Pounds of good, Sound, Merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cask, which to the said State he owes, from the said State he unjustly detains and so forth — And that he or they should not fail thereof at his or their Peril, & should have then & there that Writ &c. — At which said second Tuesday of September in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, being the day for the return of the said Writ, came into our said Court, the said State of Maryland by Thomas James Bullitt her Attorney, and the Coroners of Somerset County to whom the said Writ was directed, also came into Court here, and made return thereof, thus endorsed, towit. — Cepi, so answers — Gowin Wright, Thomas Skinner and William Dixon, Coroners of Somt. Coty: — And the said George Robertson being called, appeared in Court here by Benjamin Dashiele his Attorney; And the said George by his Attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here, to imparle until next Court and he hath it, & the same day is given to the said State also. — And now here at which said next Court, towit, the second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five, came again as well the said State by her Attorney aforesaid, as the said George by his Attorney aforesaid, and the said State by her said Attorney declared against the said George in the Plea aforesaid, in manner & form following, towit. Eastern Shore of Maryland, George Robertson late of Somerset County Esquire was Somerset County, towit, Summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the full sum and just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good, sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco & cask, which to the said State he owes and from the said State unjustly detains and so forth. —

And whereupon the said State by Thomas James Bullitt her Attorney, says that