and ninety four at Princess Ann in Somerset County aſd by their certain Bill Obligatory which Sealed with the Seals of the Said John & George the Said Robert, William, James and Henry here into Court being, the date whereof is the Same day and year aſd, promised and obliged themselves to pay to the Said Robert, William, James & Henry, by the names and Style of Peall, Yates, Hallowell & Co. the aſd Sum of two Hundred and thirty three pounds ten Shillings and nine pence Sterling Money of Great Britain for value received, when they the Said John & George should be thereto afterwards required To the payment whereof the Said John & George did bind themselves firmly by the Same Bill: And the Said Robert, William, James & Henry do aver that the aſd Sum of Sterling Money at the time of making the Bill Obligatory aſd, was and ever since hath been and yet is of the value of three hundred and eighty nine pounds four Shillings and Sevenpence current Money of Maryland, to wit, at Somerset County aſd: Nevertheless the aſd John & George, altho' often thereto required the Sum of Sterling Money aſd, or any part thereof, or the value thereof to the Said Robert, William, James and Henry or to any or either of them yet have not nor hath either of them paid, but the Same to them to pay have & each of them hath altogether hitherto refused, and still do refuse to the Damage of the Said Robert, William, James and Henry in the Sum of five hundred pounds, current Money and thereupon they bring this Suit &c. John Doe & Rich.d Roe pledges &c. N Hammond & Clk.s

The Bill Obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration ensues as follows, to wit, – We John Johnston & George Johnston do promise to pay to Peall, Yates & Hallowell & Co. the the Sum of two hundred and thirty three pounds ten Shillings & 9.d Sterling for value received. As Witnesses our hands and Seals this 8th day of July 1794. Jno Johnston (Seal) Geo Johnston (Seal)

Witness Eam.d Hall.

And the aſd John & George by their Attorney aſd pragied the liberty of Imparling therein here until the Second Tuesday of September then next following, and it was granted unto them, the Same day was given to the Said Plaintiffs there &c. At which Said Second Tuesday of September Seventeen hundred and ninety five came again the Parties aſd by their Attorneys aſd. And thereupon day was given as well to the Said Plaintiffs as to the Said Defendants by the Court here until the Second Tuesday of April then next following. And now here at this day, to wit, the Second Tuesday of April Seventeen hundred and ninety Six come again into Court the Parties aſd by their Attorneys aſd, and the Said John Johnston & George Johnston by their Said Attorney say, that they cannot deny the Action aſd of them the Said Robert, William, James & Henry, nor but that they owe to them

the aſd Sum of two hundred and thirty three pounds ten Shillings and nine pence Sterling Money aſd, of the value aſd, in manner and form as the Said Plaintiffs above against them have Declared: Therefore it is Considered by the Court here that the Said Robert Peall, William Yates, James Hallowell and Henry Warren do recover against the Said John Johnston and George Johnston their Debt aſd in form aſd Acknowledged as also the quantity of Six hundred and ninety four pounds of Tobacco for their Costs and charges by them about their Suit in that behalf laid out and expended, and that the aſd John Johnston & George Johnston be in mercy &c.

James Barle Junr Clerk

Judgment was confess'd in this Action on the 15th day of April 1796. for £389 4s 7d. current Money Debt & £150. Damages, & Costs To be released on payment of the Said Sum of £389 4s 7d. with Interest thereon from 8th July 1794. till paid, & Costs.

Francis Ridsdale & George Beaumont against George Johnston

Be it Remembered that on the Eleventh day of July Seventeen hundred and ninety four, Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take John Johnston and George Johnston late of Somerset County Merchants if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them in his Custody should safely keep so that he should have their Bodies before the Judges of our General Court at Easton in Talbot County the Second Tuesday of September then next following to answer unto Francis Ridsdale & George Beaumont of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and So forth; and that he should then and there have that Writ, At which said second Tuesday of September Seventeen hundred and ninety four came into Court the Said Francis & George by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney and George Robertson the Sheriff of the County aſd to the Court here made Return of the Said Writ thus endorsed "Cepi Corpora So answers Geo: Robertson Shff:" And the Said John Johnston and George Johnston by Benjamin Dashiell their Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon the Said John Johnston and George Johnston at the prayer of the Said Francis Ridsdale & George Beaumont was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aſd, Whereupon they affiled in Court the following Bail Peice, to wit, Francis Ridsdale and George Beaumont Plaintiffs against John Johnston and George Johnston Defendants, You Lambert Hyland and George Haney do jointly and Severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the Said George Johnston & John Johnston at the Suit of the Said Francis Ridsdale and George Beaumont in an Action on the Case brought by the Said Francis Ridsdale and George Beaumont in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be contents therewith this 19. day of August 1794. before John Done. Levin Gale.–

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court, We hereby empower Benjamin Dashiell Esq.r as our Attorney to appear for us in the above Suit

Geo: Johnston. John Johnston.