do recover against the Said John Eccleston the aforesaid Sum of Eight hundred and twenty three pounds four Shillings current Money his Debt aforesaid, as also the quantity of Six hundred and forty three pounds of Tobacco which unto the Said James Steele was adjudged as well for his Damages which he had Sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt as for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in that behalf expended, unto the Said James Steele by the court here with his Assent &c – And the Said John Eccleston in Mercy &c

James Earle junior Clerk

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 13th of April 1796. for Penalty & Costs: To be released on payment of Principal Interest & Costs. Stay of Execution till the next Term

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Robert Sloyd Nicols, Emalls Martin & Perry Benson against Mitchell Rufsum

Be it remembered that on the twenty sixth day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety five Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County that he should take Mitchell Rufsum late of Dorchester County Farmer if in his Bailiwick he should be found and him in his Custody should safely keep so that he should have his Body before the Judges of our Said Court on the Second Tuesday of April then next following to answer unto Robert Sloyd Nicols, Emalls Martin and Perry Benson of a plea that he render unto them the Sum of Two thousand pounds Current Money which to them he owes and unjustly detains &c; And that he should then and there have that Writ. At which Said Second Tuesday of April in the year aforesaid, came the Said Robert, Emalls, & Perry into our Said Court by their Nicholas Hammond their Attorney and the Sheriff of Dorchester County also came into Court and made return of the Said Writ thereon thus endorsed, viz. "Cepi Jno Footell Shff" And the Said Mitchell by Henry Waggaman his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon the Said Mitchell was called at the prayer of the Said Robert, Emalls & Perry to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon the Said Mitchell affixed in Court here the following Bail peice, viz.

Robert Sloyd Nicols Emalls Martin & Perry Benson Plaintiffs against Mitchell Rufsum Defdt.

Debt – You Cyprus Mitchell and Nathan Hampton do jointly & Severally acknowledge yourselves Specific Bail for the Said Mitchell Rufsum at the Suit of the Said Robert Sloyd Nicolls, Emalls Martin & Perry Benson in an action of Debt, brought by the Said Robert Sloyd Nicolls, Emalls Martin & Perry Benson against the Said Mitchell Rufsum in the General Court They Acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 19th day of February 1795. before us Jno. Stevens – Jno Gooding two of the Justices of the Peace for D. County.

And thereupon day was given as well to the Said Robert, Emalls, & Perry as to the Said Mitchell by the Court here until the second Tuesday of September there &c. – At which Said second Tuesday of September Seventeen hundred and ninety five here came again as well the Said Robert, Emalls & Perry as the Said Mitchell

by their Attorney aforesaid, and the Said Robert, Emalls & Perry by their Attorney aforesaid filed their Declaration in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit, The Eastern Shore. Dorchester County, to wit, Mitchell Rufsum late of Dorchester County Farmer was Summoned to answer unto Robert Sloyd Nicols, Emalls Martin and Perry Benson of a plea that he render unto them the Sum of Two thousand one hundred and thirty six pounds fourteen Shillings and six pence Current Money which to them he oweth and unjustly detaineth. And thereupon the Said Robert Emalls & Perry by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney say that whereas the Said Mitchell Rufsum on the third day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two at Dorchester County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory aforesaid which Sealed with the Seal of the Said Mitchell Rufsum the Said Robert, Emalls & Perry hereunto to court bring, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid granted himself to be held and firmly bound unto the Said Robert, Emalls, & Perry in the aforesaid Sum of Two thousand one hundred and thirty six pounds fourteen Shillings and six pence Current Money; To be paid to the Said Robert Emalls & Perry or their Assigns when he the Said Mitchell Rufsum should be thereto afterwards required: To the payment whereof the Said Mitchell Rufsum did bind himself his Exors & Admors firmly by the same Writing. Nevertheless the Said Mitchell Rufsum, altho' often thereto required, the Sum of Money aforesaid or any part thereof to the Said Robert Emalls & Perry, or to either of them yet hath not paid but the same to them to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the Said Robert Emalls & Perry in the Sum of Two thousand pounds Current Money and therefore they bring this Suit &c

N Hammond & Wilk

John Doe & Rich. Roe Pledges &c.

The Writing Obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration mentioned is as follows, viz. – Maryland, Know all Men by these presents that we John Covey & Mitchell Rufsum of Caroline County in the State aforesaid Farmers are held & firmly bound unto Robert Sloyd Nicols, Emalls Martin & Perry Benson of Talbot County in the Said State in the just Sum of Two thousand one hundred and thirty six pounds fourteen Shillings & Six pence pounds Current Money to be paid to the Said Robert Sloyd Nicols Emalls Martin & Perry Benson, to wch payment whereof well and truly to be made and done we do bind our selves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our respective Seals and dated this third day of Jany one thousand seven hundred & ninety two – The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the Said John Covey & Mitchell Rufsum their Heirs Executors or Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid the just and full Sum of One thousand & Sixty eight pounds seven Shillings & three pence Current Money to the Said Rob. Sloyd Nicols, Emalls Martin & Perry Benson on or before the first day of January which shall be paid in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, together with lawfull Interest without fraud and delay then the above Obligation to be void. Otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

John his X mark Covey (Seal)

Mitt. Rufsum (Seal)