Know all men by these presents that we Richard Johns, Daniel Powell Cox, and William Barwich all of Talbot County and State of Maryland are held & firmly bound unto the Justices of the peace for Talbot County, in the full and just sum of three thousand and eighty six pounds, five and three pence half penny, Current money; For which payment well and truly to be made and done, we do bind ourselves, and every four, our, and every of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, for the whole and in the whole, firmly by these presents: Sealed with our Seals, and dated this nineteenth day of August Anno Dominii seventeen hundred and ninety three — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Johns, Collector of the County Tax for Talbot County, shall well and faithfully execute his Office, and the several ~~duties~~ Articles required of him by Law; and shall well and faithfully Account for, and pay to the Justices of the Peace for Talbot County Court, or their order, the several sums of money which he shall receive, or be accountable for by Law, at such time as the Law shall direct: Then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise of force —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, In the presence of, John Thomas junr. — Thomas S. Denny

Richard Johns (Seal)
Dan'l P. Cox (Seal)
Wm Barwich (Seal)

And thereupon, on motion of the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said William Barwich answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid: And the said William Barwich by his Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle untill the next Term, and he had it; The same day was given to the said State of Maryland, then, &c — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid; but the said William Barwich although solemnly called, came not: whereupon the same State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid suggested to the Court that since the last Continuance of the plea aforesaid and before that time, the said William Barwich departed this life, and the same was not denied — And thereupon on motion of the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid it was ordered by the Court that a summons be forthwith issued, returnable to the then next Term, directed to John Nabb and William Barwich of Talbot County, Executors of the Testament and last will of the said William Barwich Deceased; and such summons accordingly issued, commanding the Sheriff of Talbot County, to summon John Nabb and William Barwich Executors of William Barwich, Deceased, that all excuses and delays set aside they should be and appear before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland, at Easton, in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of September then next, and then and there agreeably to an Act of Assembly in such cases lately made and provided to cause themselves to be made a party in a certain Action of Debt, then depending in our said Court, wherein the State of Maryland was Plaintiff, and the said William Barwich was Defendant, or the Judges of our said Court, on their Default, would proceed to Judgment thereon — And the same day was given to the said State of Maryland, then, and there &c — At which said second Tuesday of



September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid; And the said John Nabb and William Barwich, Executors as aforesaid in pursuance of the summons aforesaid also came into Court by Nicholas Hammond Esquire their Attorney, and defended the wrong and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle untill the next Term, and they had it; The same day was given to the said State of Maryland, then, &c — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court as well the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid as the said John Nabb and William Barwich Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid; And thereupon, on motion of the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court that the said John Nabb and William Barwich answer the Declaration aforesaid of the said State of Maryland, in the plea aforesaid; And the said John Nabb and William Barwich by their Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle untill the next Term, and they had it; The same day was given to the said State of Maryland, then, &c — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, And the said John Nabb and William Barwich by their Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c, and prayed a hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid, in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and of the Condition thereof; and they were respectively read to them in these words — { }

Which being severally read and heard the said John Nabb and William Barwich, the Executors aforesaid, prayed Judgment of the Writ and Declaration aforesaid; because they said, that by the Writ and Declaration aforesaid, it is supposed that he the said William Barwich, Deceased, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland, in the sum of three thousand and eighty six pounds, five shillings and three pence half penny, Current money; Whereas in truth there are no such words in the said Writing Obligatory contained, and warranting these words in the Writ and Declaration aforesaid specified: And this the said John Nabb and William Barwich, the Executors (aforesd), are ready to verify: Wherefore, for that there is a material variance between the writing Obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid supposed, and the writing Obligatory produced in Court and read as aforesaid, they pray judgment of the Writ and Declaration aforesaid, and that the same may be quashed &c — And thereupon, on motion of the said John Nabb and William Barwich by their Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said State of Maryland reply to the answer aforesaid of them the said John Nabb and William Barwich in the plea aforesaid by the second Tuesday of April then next following; And the same day was given to the said John Nabb and William Barwich, then, & so forth in — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said John Nabb and William Barwich by their Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle untill the next Term, and they had it; The same day was given to the said