Be it Remembered that the within bond was passed to Wm J Bond by us for Monies advanced to Charles Fleharty in payment of his debts Witness Our hands & Seals this 28th day of August 1797. Chs. Fleharty (Seal)

Witness John Fleharty (Seal)

Horace Smith Jas. Fleharty (Seal)

1798 January 13th Credit the within bond by wages &c. due Charles Fleharty settled up to this day twenty four pounds two Shillings & nine pence three farthings

Witness. Wm J Bond Charles Fleharty

For value received I hereby assign, transfer & make over to John Bennett his Exors. administrators & assigns the within Obligation & all the money therein contained & mentioned to credit above excepted witness my hand and Seal

Test Thos. S Bullett Wm J Bond (Seal)

And thereupon on Motion of the said William J Bond by his Attorney (asd) it was ruled by the Court that the said Charles Fleharty should answer to the Declaration (asd) on or before the fourth Tuesday in September then next or Judgment would be rendered against him by default: the same day was given to said William J Bond then &c. And now here towit the second Tuesday in September Seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes again into Court the Parties (asd) by their Attorneys (asd) And the said Charles Fleharty by his Attorney (asd) filed his plea in answer to the Declaration (asd) in the following words towit; And the said Charles Fleharty by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney comes here into Court and defendes the wrong & injury when &c. and prayes a hearing of the writing obligatory (asd) & it is Read to him in these words: And he like wise prays a hearing of the Condition of the said writing obligatory and it is read to him in these words Know all men by these presents that we Charles Fleharty of Talbot County and State of Maryland and John Fleharty and James Fleharty of Caroline County and State (asd) are held and firmly bound unto William Hoddart Bond of Talbot County (asd) in the full & just sum of two hundred

and fifty pounds current money of Maryland to be paid to the said William Hoddart Bond his certain Attorney Executors administrators or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind Ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators Jointly and Severally in and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 28th day of August Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and ninety Seven The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Charles Fleharty, John Fleharty and James Fleharty their Executors administrators or assigns do and shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto William Hoddart Bond his Executors administrators or assigns the Just and full sum of One hundred and thirty Eight pounds Seven Shillings and three farthings current Money as (asd) then the above obligation to be of none Effect Otherwise to Remain in full force & virtue in Law. Which being severally read & heard the said Charles Fleharty saith that the said William J Bond ought not to have or maintain his action (asd) thereof against him; because he saith that before the day of the impetration of the original Writ of him the said William J Bond in this case towit, on the day of in the year Seventeen hundred at the County (asd) he the said Charles Fleharty did pay to the said William J Bond the said Sum of one hundred & thirty eight pounds, Seven Shillings & three farthings current money in the said Consideration mentioned, according to the form of the Statute in such case made & provided, together with all the interest then due thereon: And this the said Charles Fleharty is ready to verify wherefore he prays, Judgment whether the said William J Bond his Action (asd) thereof against him to have or Maintain ought &c. Mr. Hammond for Deft. Nevertheless the said Charles Fleharty relinquishing the averment above by him pretended, saith that he cannot gain the action (asd) nor can he deny but that he oweth unto the said William J Bond the (asd) sum of one hundred and thirty eight pounds seven Shillings and three farthings current Money in Manner and form as the said