Administrators in the penal sum of four hundred and twenty one pounds lawful money. Witness my hand and seal this twentieth day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight. Witness Thos Muir — Alex Smith (Seal)

On the back of the said Bill was the following endorsement, to wit.

I hereby assign, make over and convey unto Charles Goldsborough his Heirs or Assigns all my right title interest and estate in and to the within Note & Interest for value received. Witness my hand and seal this 6th Feby 1795 —

Test Sam. Meekins — Peter Gordon (Seal)

And thereupon on motion of the said Peter Gordon by his Attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Alexander Smith answer to the Declaration within filed, or Judgment will be rendered against him in default thereof; and the said Alexander Smith by his said Attorney defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next to answer to the Declaration &c. and he hath it the same day is given to the said Peter Gordon then &c —

And nowhere, until the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Alexander Smith by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid, nor can he deny that he owes unto the said Peter Gordon the aforesaid sum of four hundred and twenty one pounds current money in manner and form as the said Peter Gordon above against him hath complained. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Peter Gordon recover against the said Alexander Smith as well the said sum of four hundred and twenty one pounds current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, as the quantity of five hundred and five pounds of Tobacco for his damages which he hath sustained as well by occasion of the detention of the said debt, as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended; and the said Alexander Smith in mercy &c.

James Earle Junior Clk —

Judgment April the 16th 1799. for penalty Costs. To be released on the payment of principal, Interest & Costs. Payments, if any to be allowed, stay till next Court —

Peter Gordon, use of Rebecca Goldsborough
against
Anne Wright, admrx. also of Edward Wright

Be it Remembered

that on the sixteenth day of June 1797 Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County to take Anne Wright late of Dorchester County, Administratrix de bonis non of Edward Wright late of the said County deceased, if she should be found in his Bailiwick and her safe keep; so that he might have her body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at Easton, the second Tuesday in September then next to answer unto Peter Gordon of a plea of Trespass upon the case &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety

seven being the day of the return of the aforesaid writ, came into Court the said Peter Gordon by William Bond Martin his Attorney and the Sheriff of Dorchester County, to whom the said Writ was directed makes return thereof this endorsement, to wit. Cepi the body of the within named Anne Wright, Administratrix as aforesaid being called appears in Court here by Henry Maggaman her Attorney, and defends the force and injury when &c. & prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next and she hath it the same day is given to the said Peter Gordon then &c —

At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety eight comes again into Court the parties aforesaid, by their attorneys aforesaid, and thereupon on motion of the said Anne Wright, Administratrix as aforesaid by her Attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court that the said Peter Gordon, declare against the said Anne Wright in the plea aforesaid, on or before the second Tuesday in September next or Judgment will be rendered against him by default; the same day is given to the said Anne Wright then &c —

At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Peter Gordon by his attorney aforesaid declares against the said Anne Wright administratrix, as aforesaid, as follows, to wit. Eastern Shore of Maryland Dorchester County to Anne Wright, late of Dorchester County Administratrix de bonis non of Edward Wright late of the said County deceased was attached to answer unto Peter Gordon of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth —

And whereupon the said Peter Gordon by William B. Martin his Attorney complains that whereas the said Edward in his lifetime, after the first day of May in the year seventeen hundred and five, to wit, on the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five at the County aforesaid, at the County aforesaid made his certain Note in writing commonly called a promissory Note with his own proper hand thereto subscribed bearing date the same day and year aforesaid, and the same Note to the said Peter did then and there deliver by which said Note the said Edward promised to pay to the said Peter his Heirs or Assigns the full and just four score hundred and fifty pounds two shillings & one penny current money of Maryland, being the balance due the said Peter on a settlement of accounts, by reason whereof and also by force of the statute in such case made and provided the said Edward became chargeable to pay to the said Peter, the said sum of money according to the Tenor and effect of the said Note, and being so chargeable the said Edward in his lifetime in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon himself assumed and unto the said Peter then and there faithfully promised to pay to the said Peter the sum of money aforesaid according to the Tenor and effect of the said Note. Nevertheless the said Edward in his lifetime, and the said Noble after the death of the said Edward and the said Ann after after the death of the said Noble, the promise and assumption of the said Edward aforesaid in form aforesaid made not regarding but minding & fraudulently intending the said Peter in this behalf craftily and subtilly to deceive & defraud the said sum of money or any part thereof unto the said Peter have not nor hath either of them paid