it thesame day is given to thesaid Robert Neilson then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September Seventeen hundred and ninety eight, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, and thesaid Thomas Hicks by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays further leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next to answer to the Declaration aforesaid and he hath it thesame day is given to thesaid Robert Neilson then &c. And nowhere till the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, And thesaid Thomas Hicks by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force & injury when &c. and saith that he cannot deny the action aforesaid nor that he did assume upon himself in manner and form as thesaid Robert Neilson above against him hath complained, nor that thesaid Robert Neilson hath sustained Damages by reason of the nonperformance of the promises and Assumptions aforesaid, to the sum of One hundred and twenty pounds current money. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that thesaid Robert Neilson recover against thesaid Thomas Hicks as well thesaid sum of One hundred and twenty pounds current money his Damages aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, as the quantity of One thousand & six pounds of Tobacco for his Costs & Charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended and thesaid Thomas Hicks in mercy &c.

James Carle Junr Clk

Judgment April the 16th 1799 for £120. Damages & Costs. To be released on the payment of £87.7.8 with Interest from 5th March 1796 till paid Costs Stay of Execution till the next Term. Any Errors in this Judgment if any to be corrected at the next Term.

Ann Muse use of **Hambury Lloyd** against **John Eccleston**

Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, that he should take John Eccleston late of Dorchester County if he should be found in his Bailiwick & him safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Ann Muse of a plea that he render unto her the sum of four hundred pounds current money which to her he owes and from her unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon thesame Ann Muse by William Bond Martin says that thesame John on the third day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory which sealed with the seal of the said John, thesame Ann doth here into Court bring the date whereof thesame day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto thesaid Ann in the aforesaid sum of four hundred pounds current money to be paid to thesaid Ann when he should be thereto required. To the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done thesame John bound himself his Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by thesaid writing obligatory. Nevertheless thesame John altho' thereto often required thesaid sum of money or any part thereof unto thesame Ann yet hath not rendered or paid but hitherto altogether hath refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Ann eight hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and she doth therefore bring suit &c. W.m B. Martin for pltff. Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

And thereupon on motion of thesaid Ann Muse by her Attorney aforesaid it is ordered by the Court here that thesaid John Eccleston answer to the Declaration in the plea aforesaid on or before the second Tuesday in April then next or Judgment would be rendered against him

Eccleston, at the suit of thesaid Ann Muse in an action of debt brought by thesaid Ann Muse against thesaid John Eccleston in the General Court. John Stevens

April the 23d 1798. before — John Rock.

And thesaid Ann Muse by her Attorney aforesaid offered in Court here the following bond to wit

Know all men by these presents that I John Eccleston junior of Dorchester County am held and firmly bound unto Ann Muse of the same County in the full and just sum of four hundred pounds specie of Maryland, to be paid to thesaid Ann Muse or to her certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns. To which Payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal. Dated the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bounden John Eccleston, his Heirs Executors Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Ann Muse or to her certain Attorney, Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and sum of two hundred pounds specie money on or before the first day of May 1792 without any fraud or delay, Then this Obligation to be void & of none Effect, or else to remain in full force and Virtue in Law.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of Margaret Muse, Joseph Foote. John Eccleston (Seal)

And thereupon further process of law upon the Premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of thesaid parties and their Attornies aforesaid by order of Court was thereupon continued until the second Tuesday in September then next following. At which said second Tuesday in September, to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety eight came here again the parties aforesaid. And thesaid Ann Muse by her Attorney aforesaid offered her Declaration in the plea aforesaid against thesaid John Eccleston which here follows, to wit: Eastern Shore of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit, John Eccleston late of Dorchester County was summoned to answer unto Ann Muse of a plea that he render unto her the sum of four hundred pounds current money which to her he owes and from her unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon thesame Ann Muse by William Bond Martin says that thesame John on the third day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory which sealed with the seal of the said John, thesame Ann doth here into Court bring the date whereof thesame day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto thesaid Ann in the aforesaid sum of four hundred pounds current money to be paid to thesaid Ann when he should be thereto required. To the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done thesame John bound himself his Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by thesaid writing obligatory. Nevertheless thesame John altho' thereto often required thesaid sum of money or any part thereof unto thesame Ann yet hath not rendered or paid but hitherto altogether hath refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Ann eight hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and she doth therefore bring suit &c. W.m B. Martin for pltff. Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

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