London afs. according to the usage and custom of Merchants afs. (the said John Stewart & Company having before that time had thirty Days sight thereof to wit from the twenty second Day of January then last past at London afs. and the second and third Bills of the same Tenor & Date being unpaid) was Protested and was afterwards within four years from the date of the said Bill to wit on the first Day of May in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred & fifty two returned into this Province to wit at Baltimore County afs. of all which last mentioned Premisses he the said William Hammond in his life time afterwards to wit on the Day and Year last afs. at Baltimore County afs. had Notice By reason of which Premisses the said William in his life time according to the usage & Custom of Merchants afs. in that behalf time out of mind used and approved became liable for & chargeable to pay unto him the said Charles Croxall the afs. Sum of Money in the said last Bill of Exchange mentioned together with all Lawfull Cost Damage and Interest by the said Charles Croxall suffered and sustained by reason of the nonpayment of the said Bill of Exchange or the Contents thereof and Protest as afs. and being so thereunto Chargeable the afs. William Hammond in his life time afterwards to wit on the Day and Year last afs. at the County afs. upon himself assumed and to the said Charles Croxall then and there faithfully promised that he the said William Hammond the afs. sum of Money in the said Bill of Exchange mentioned together with all Lawful Cost Damage and Interest by the said Charles Croxall suffered and sustained by reason of the Nonpayment of the said Bill of Exchange or the Contents thereof and Protest as afs. to him the said Charles Croxall when afterwards he should be thereunto required would well and truely content and pay which last mentioned Bill of Exchange together with the Lawfull Cost Damage and Interest thereon was by the said William Hammond at the time of his Death unsatisfied and the afs. Sarah Executrix afs. says that she since the Death of him the said William and since the Imputation of the Original Writ of them the said John Stewart and James Armour to wit on the Eighteenth Day of June seventeen hundred & fifty three at Baltimore County afs. did pay to the said Charles Croxall the Sum of Eight Pounds nineteen Shillings and five Pence Sterling in the last afs. Bill of Exchange mentioned & the further Sum of One Pound six shillings and ten Pence sterling being the Lawfull Cost Damage and Interest by him the said Charles Croxall suffered and sustained by Reason of the nonpayment of the said last mentioned Bill of Exchange according to the Tenor and Assumption of him the afs. William Hammond as afs. in his life time made And the afs. Sarah further saith that she hath fully Administred all and singular the Goods and Chattells which were of the afs. William Hammond at the time of his Death in her Hands to be Administred and that she hath not nor on the Day of the Imputation of the Original Writ of them the said John Stewart & James Armour or at any time after had the any of the Goods and Chattells which were of the afs. William at the time of his Death in her Hands to be Administred except Goods and Chattells to the Value of the afs. Sums of Nineteen Pounds six shillings and ten Pence and three Pounds seventeen shillings & three Pence sterling and of Eight Pounds nineteen shillings & five Pence sterling and One Pound six shillings and ten Pence sterling (amounting together to the sum of thirty three Pounds nine Shillings and eight Pence sterling) so as afs. paid away in satisfaction and Discharge of the afs. Protested Bill of Exchange as pertinently and also except Goods and Chattells to the Value of fifty Pounds sterling and one hundred Pounds Current Money which are not sufficient to satisfy the afs. Richard Meale his Debt afs. by virtue of the writing Obligatory afs. & which we bind bound to and the satisfaction thereof And this she is ready to Verify whereupon she prays Judgment if the afs. John Stewart & James Armour their Action afs. thereof against her to have or maintain ought and so forth. And the John Stewart & James Armour by their Attorney afs. say that the said Sarah Executrix as afs. by her Plea afs. does not allledge that the said William in

(his)

his life time or the said Sarah since the death of the said William Hammond or either of them have or hath Contented or paid the said Sum of One Hundred and Ninety six Pounds fourteen shillings and six Pence Sterling Money to the said John Stewart and James Armour nor Deny that the said William Hammond in his life time and the said Sarah Hammond Exr. afs. have refused to pay the said One Hundred and Ninety six Pounds fourteen shillings and six Pence Sterling And the said John Stewart and James Armour Doth not Deny but that the said Sarah Executrix afs. hath fully Administred all and singular the Goods and Chattells which were of the afs. William Hammond at the time of his Death and which hath come to her Hands to be Administred as the said Sarah above by pleading hath allegd the said John Stewart and James Armour pray Judgment for their Damages sustained by Reason of the nonpayment of the said One Hundred and Ninety six Pounds fourteen shillings and six Pence Sterling of the Goods and Chattells which were of the said William Hammond and which shall hereafter come to the Hands of the said Sarah Hammond Executrix afs. to be Administred Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here That the said John Stewart and James Armour Recover against the said Sarah Hammond Executrix afs. as well the Sum of One Hundred and Ninety six Pounds fourteen shillings and six Pence Sterling Money their Damages afs. as also the Sum of Pounds of Tobo. by the Court here unto them on their Assent Adjudged for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this behalf laid out and Expended to be Levyed of the Goods and Chattells which were of the afs. William Hammond at the time of his Death and which shall hereafter come to the Hands of the said Sarah Executrix afs. to be Administred and the said Defendant in Mercy &c.

Test R. Burgess Clk.

Pl. John Hughes } Maryland Baltimore County set. Be it Remembered That heretofore to wit the 10th Day of
Def. William Governe } April Anno Domi. seventeen hundred and fifty three William Governe late of Baltimore County Merchant was attached to Answer unto John Hughes of a plea wherefore with force and Arms and so forth he the said William at the County afs. on him the said John an Assault did make and him did Beat Wound & evilly treat so that of his life it was despaired and other Harms to him did to the great Damage of him the said John Hughes & against the Peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Propietary that now is and so forth

And Whereupon the said John by Edward Dorsey his Attorney Complains that the afs. William on the twenty sixth Day of January in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty three with force and Arms &c. to wit swords Cudgels Fists and Knives upon him the said John at the County afs. an Assault did make & him the afs. John did then and there beat wound and evilly treat so that of his life it was greatly despaired & other Harms to him the said John then and there did to the great Damage of him the said John and against the Peace of the Right Honourable the Lord Propietary that now is his good Rule and Government whereupon the said John saith he is worse and hath Damage to the Value of One Hundred Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings suit &c. Pledges &c. { John Doe & Richd. Roe

And the afs. William Governe by Stephen Bradley his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it & the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the 11th Day of September Anno Domi. 1753 come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys afs. and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court & he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the 21st Day of May Anno Domi. 1754 comes again as well the said John Hughes by his Attorney afs. as the afs. William Governe by his Attorney and the said William by his said Attorney as before defends the force and injury when &c. And says that he is not Guilty of the Trespass and Assault afs. as the afs. John above against him hath Complained and of this he puts himself upon

(the)