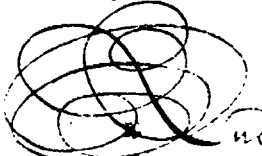


June 4. 11. 1691

W. Francis Gourdaine pl. aq. }
 Isaac & Sons do ft }
 Somers & County of George Howard & Walter Land Executors of the last will and
 Testament of Josias Howard decd was summoned to answer unto Francis Gourdaine
 of a plea that they tender unto him the full & just sum or quantity of nine thousand
 three hundred and eight pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco & Cash value from
 him to wote and unjustly detain. And also upon the said Francis by Peter But his Attorney saith
 the said Josias in his life time to wit the 8. day of March in the year of our Lord 1687 at Potomack within
 the Jurisdiction of this Court by his Certain Bond Obligatory writing the said Francis with the seal of the said
 Josias signed brought here into Court, the date whereof is the day and year abovesaid, and now doth himself to be
 bound to the said Francis in the full and just sum of 9308. Pounds of tobacco and Cash to be paid to the said Francis
 Gourdaine his certain Attorney his Heirs Executors or Assignes, to the whole payment the said Josias bound himself
 firmly by the sd Bond. Nevertheless the said Josias in his life time nor the sd George and Walter Executors
 nor any of them. the said sum to the sd Francis hath not paid but hath utterly denyed, and doth still deny to
 damage of the sd Francis of 11000. Pounds of tobacco, and thereof he brings his suite for

For the said Francis Gourdaine
 Peter But Attorney



And the said George and Walter Executors and denyed the force and Injury upon the said Francis
 the hearing of the said Obligation, and it is read unto them in these words. Know all men by these presents
 that the said Francis Gourdaine the condition of the said Obligation and it is read unto them in these words
 The condition of this present Obligation is such that if the abovesaid Josias Howard his Heirs
 Executors or Assignes shall well and truly satisfy and pay unto the said Francis Gourdaine his Heirs
 Executors or Assignes, the full and just sum or quantity of four thousand six hundred and fifty four pounds
 of good sound merchantable tobacco in Cash at some one convenient Port or Town in this County
 aforesaid at or upon the 10. day of October next ensuing the date hereof that then this Obligation
 be void and of none effect otherwise to stand and remain in full force power and virtue.

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Know all men by these presents that Josias Howard of the County aforesaid but am holden
 and firmly bound unto Francis Gourdaine of the County aforesaid for the full and just sum
 or quantity of nine thousand three hundred and eight pounds of good sound merchantable
 tobacco in Cash due to be paid to the said Francis Gourdaine his certain Attorney his Heirs
 Executors, Assignes or Assignes, to the whole payment well & truly to be made and done, I bind myself
 my Heirs Executors or Assignes firmly by these presents in the whole and for the whole to the said
 Francis Gourdaine his Heirs Executors or Assignes, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 the 8. day of March the 8. year 1687.

The condition of this present Obligation is such that if the abovesaid Josias Howard his Heirs Executors
 or Assignes shall well and truly satisfy and pay unto the said Francis Gourdaine his Heirs Executors
 Assignes or Assignes, the full and just sum or quantity of four thousand six hundred and fifty four
 pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco in Cash at some one convenient Port or Town
 in this County aforesaid at or before the 10. day of October next ensuing the date hereof that then this present
 Obligation be void and of none effect, otherwise to stand and remain in full force power and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in presence of us }
 Wm. Trail }
 Wm. Woodland }
 his works }
 August 14. 1690. the abovesaid bill proved
 by the Oath of Wm. Woodland before
 Saml. Hopkins & Edmund Howard.
 Josias Howard
 Order granted according to Declaration of Wm. Trail for 4654. 5/11