

Maryland and Dorchester County &c. Personally appears Aaron Cook before me the
subscriber a justice of the peace for Dorchester county and acknowledges the above to be his
act and deed. May 20. 1843.

James Rea

Sum 20. 1843 Delivered to Capt. Isaac Phillips. M.S.

James Hooper's Bond
 Paid from \$4.
 James Smith
 1st June 1843 Unit
 Maryland Unit
 United States of America. State of
 I know all men by these presents that
 whereas James Smith of Dorchester county State of Maryland is owner of the schooner or vessel
 called Benjamin Le Compte of Oxford of the burthen of 52 1/2 Tons or thereabouts and whereas
 the said James Smith is indebted to James Hooper John P Hooper & James Hooper Jr all
 of Baltimore or merchants and copartners trading there under the firm of James Hooper
 & Sons in the sum of seven hundred 3/100 Dollars for which he the said James Smith
 has given to the said James Hooper & Sons the three following Promissory Notes that is to
 say James Smith's note for four hundred 82/100 Dollars dated 31 May 1843 payable
 one Day after date to James Hooper & Sons. Smith & Sloan's note for Two hundred
 & six 38/100 Dollars dated 22nd Decr 1841 payable Four months after date to James Hooper
 & Sons. and James Smith's note for Ninety two 92/100 Dollars dated 31 May 1843 payable
 one Day after date to James Hooper. the payment of which three Promissory notes
 he the said James Smith is desirous of securing by pledging to the said James Hooper
 & Sons the said schooner Benjamin Le Compte and appurtenances. Now know
 ye that the said James Smith in consideration of the premises and of the further
 consideration of the sum of One Dollar to me in hand paid at the time of the per-
 fection of these presents by the said James Hooper & Sons the receipt whereof is hereby
 acknowledged. have granted bargain'd sold. assigned. transferred and set over
 and by these presents do grant. bargain. sell. assign. transfer and set over unto the
 said James Hooper John P Hooper and James Hooper Jr their executors admoin-
 istrators and assigns all that the said schooner or vessel called the Benjamin
 Le Compte of Oxford together with all and singular her, masts, yards, sails,
 Rigging, suchors cables, boards, tackle Apparel, and appurtenances, as she
 now lies in the Port of Baltimore and is more particularly described in a Certificate
 of Enrolment granted her at the port of Oxford in the following words. Enrolment
 Permanent "ms. 59. Whirly nine Enrolment in conformity to an act of the Congress
 of the United States of America entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing
 ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting Trade and Fisheries
 and for regulating the same" James Smith of Dorchester County &
 State of Md having taken or subscribed the oath required by the
 said act. and having sworn that he is a Citizen of the United
 States sole. Owner of the ship or vessel. called the Benjamin
 Le Compte of Oxford whereof John W Sloan is at present Master and
 as he hath sworn is a citizen of the United States and that the said
 ship or vessel was built in the County and State aforesaid during

Seal of the collector of the port of Oxford

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Nichl. Willis Coll. to