

September 1831 a Certain Thomas W. Byus did recover against a Certain Levin W. Ball as well the sum of one hundred dollars debt, and the sum of two hundred dollars <sup>for his</sup> damages which he had sustained by occasion of the non performance of a Certain promise and assumption to the said Thomas W. Byus before that time made as the sum of ten dollars and thirty three Cents for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in that behalf Expended, whereof the said Levin W. Ball is Convict as of record is manifest And whereas at a Superior Court for Baltimore City held at Baltimore on the first day of May 1832 it was Considered that the said Thomas W. Byus should have his Execution against the said Levin W. Ball as well for the debt & damages as for the Costs aforesaid the Sheriff of Dorchester County was therefore Commanded that of the goods and Chattels lands & tenements of the said Levin W. Ball being in his bailiwicks he should Cause to be made & levied the aforesaid debt damages Costs and Charges that he should have those sums of money before the Circuit Court for Dorchester County on the fourth Tuesday of July 1832 to render unto the said Thomas W. Byus and that the Sheriff should also have then & there that writ and whereas also the said writ came into the hands of the said Sheriff and in pursuance of the Command therein he laid the same upon two negroes viz: John Sarah among other property and whereas the said Sheriff afterwards returned to the said Court his return in the premises and the levy by him made & that said property remained in his Custody one hand so that he could not have those sums before the Court as Commanded and whereas also on the twenty third day of August in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty two a Certain other writ of the State of Maryland of venditioni Exponas did issue forth out of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County to the said Sheriff of Dorchester County directed respecting the premises as hereinbefore set forth whereby the said Sheriff was Commanded that the said negroes John Sarah among other property he expose to sale and the money therefrom arising he should have before the said Court on the third Tuesday of October then next to render unto the said Thomas W. Byus the debt damages Costs and Charges aforesaid and all such Costs as had accrued on the writ of fieri facias aforesaid that he should have then & there that writ &c and whereas also the said last mentioned writ came to the hands of said Sheriff and in pursuance of the Command therein the said Sheriff after due notice being given did on the twenty third day of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two expose to public sale to the highest bidder the said negroes John and Sarah and the herein before named Thomas W. Byus became the highest bidder and purchaser of the said negroes for the sum of one hundred and Eighty three dollars and Seventy eight Cents Current money & hath paid since the said purchase money & is now desirous of obtaining a title to said negroes in consequence thereof now this Indenture witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the premises and of the sum of five dollars to the said Sheriff in hand paid at & before the sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said James E. Douglas Sheriff as aforesaid hath granted bargained and sold by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Thomas W. Byus his heirs and assigns the said negroes so aforesaid taken by a writ of fieri facias & so as aforesaid sold in virtue of said writ of venditioni Exponas - To Have & to Hold the said negroes John and Sarah unto the said Thomas W. Byus his heirs and assigns forever -

In witness whereof the said Sheriff James E. Douglas has hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year first aforesaid

James E. Douglas, Sheriff

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of

W. L. Barrow

State of Maryland Dorchester County

Be it Remembered & it is hereby Certified that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid