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to them or either of them before or since the espousals between them celebrated to render hitherto hath denyed and still doth deny and unjustly detain altho' thereto afterwards by the said Comfort when she was sole to witt on the second day of May Anno Domini MDCCXXXV and by the said Charles and Comfort since the espousals between them celebrated to witt on the first day of September in the year of Lord MDCCXXXVI and often since that the said Richard was required Whereupon they say they are damaged one hundred and thirty three pounds Curr. money of Maryland and thereof they bring suit &c.

Pledges by John Doe and Richard Roe

Whereupon a certain John Brittingham and James Houston both of Somerset County plantors present herein Court in their proper persons underlook and each of them underlook for the ass<sup>ts</sup> Richard Brooks and assumed upon themselves and each of them assumed upon himself (likewise the same Richard Brooks present herein Court in his proper person assumed upon himself) that if it should happen that Judgment in the plea ass<sup>ts</sup> should be rendered for the same Charles Stockley and Comfort his wife against him the said Richard or that then the said Richard should be therein convicted that then they be the said Richard should pay and satisfy unto the said Charles Stockley and Comfort his wife the Judgment of the Court thereupon or render his body in execution of such Judgment to the prison of the sherrife of the County ass<sup>ts</sup> in satisfaction thereof or that they the said John Brittingham and James Houston or either of them will do the same for him. — And the ass<sup>ts</sup> Richard Brooks by Robert Jencks his Henry his attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when it and prayeth Leave thereof to Imparle here untill the next Court to be held at deviding Creek in and for the County ass<sup>ts</sup> the third Tuesday of March then next following and he hath it and the same day is given to the ass<sup>ts</sup> Charles and Comfort here also &c.

At which day here came againe aswell the ass<sup>ts</sup> Charles Stockley and Comfort his wife by their attorney ass<sup>ts</sup> as the ass<sup>ts</sup> Richard Brooks by his attorney ass<sup>ts</sup> and the said Richard Brooks as before defends the force and Injury when it and saith that he cannot deny the action ass<sup>ts</sup> of the ass<sup>ts</sup> Charles Stockley and Comfort his wife nor but that the writing obligatory ass<sup>ts</sup> is the deed of the same Richard nor but that he oweth the same Charles and Comfort the ass<sup>ts</sup> one hundred pounds Curr. money of Berg<sup>ts</sup> of the value of one hundred and thirty three pounds Curr. money of Maryland in manner and form