

(No. 1.)  
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 LAND, } *KNOW all Men by these Presents, That I Thomas Chase, of Dorset County, Clerk, am held and firmly bound unto Jeanette Bourdillion, Widow, in the full and just Quantity of Fifty-two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; to be paid to the said Jeanette, her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns: To the which Payment well and truly to be made, I hereby bind myself, my Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, firmly by these Presents. Stated with my Seal, and dated this fifth Day of February, 1744.*

**T**HE Condition of the above Obligation, is such, That if the above bound *Thomas Chase*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, do, and shall, on or before the first Day of *March*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, 1745, pay, or cause to be paid, unto the abovenamed *Jeanette*, her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the full and just Quantity of 13000 Pounds of Tobacco; and also pay unto the said *Jeanette*, her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the further Sum of 13000 Pounds of Tobacco, on the first Day of *March*, which shall be in the Year 1746, then the above Obligation to be void, else to be in full Force and Virtue. But in case the said *Thomas Chase* shall make Default in either of the said Payments, then the said *Thomas Chase* doth hereby empower any Attorney in any Court of Record in this Province, to appear for him the said *Thomas Chase*, at the Suit of the above-mentioned *Jeanette Bourdillion*, and to receive a Declaration on the above Obligation, and thereupon to confess Judgment, by *Nil dicit, Cognovit Actionem, Non sum Informatus*, or otherwise, hereby releasing a l the Errors that may happen upon the said Judgment suing out Execution thereon, or in any of the Proceedings thereto relating.

*Signed, sealed, and delivered, in the Presence of*

EDM. JENINGS,  
 JOHN RAITT.

THOMAS CHASE. ☉

(No. 2.)  
**T**HOMAS BLADEN, Esq; being sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposeth, That when he the said *Thomas Bladen* offer'd the Rev. *Thomas Chase* the Induction of *St. Paul's* Parish, in *Baltimore* County, he, the said *Thomas Bladen*, at the same Time propos'd to him to give his Bond for the Payment of 26000 Pounds of Tobacco, to Mrs. *Bourdillion*, Widow of the last Incumbent, payable in Two Years: which he the said *Chase* readily consented to; which Bond he accordingly executed, knowing it to be for the said Sum of Twenty-six Thousand Weight of Tobacco. And this Deponent further says, upon his Oath, That there never pass'd one Syllable between him and the said *Chase*, relating to a Bond of Resignation, or for any other Purpose, but as above-mentioned.  
*Sworn to, the 26th of May, 1747, Before* JOHN BRICE.

(No. 3.)  
**E**DMUND JENINGS, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth, and Saith, That *Thomas Bladen*, Esq; late Governor of this Province, having acquainted this Deponent with his Intentions of giving an Induction to the Rev. Mr. *Thomas Chase*, into a Parish then vacant in *Baltimore* County; and that he was desirous of making some Provision for the Widow or Family of Mr. *Bourdillion*, the late Incumbent, advis'd with this Deponent, Whether it would be legal to take a Bond from Mr. *Chase*, for securing Twenty-six Thousand, or some such Quantity of Tobacco, to Mrs. *Bourdillion*, Widow of the said late Incumbent? On which this Deponent gave his Opinion, that such Bond would be legal and justifiable in Law. And this Deponent further saith, That either then, or some short Time after, the said Mr. *Bladen* desired this Deponent to draw a Bond for the Payment of Twenty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, payable to Mrs. *Bourdillion*, by the said *Chase*; and which Bond this Deponent accordingly wrote, and carried it, in Company with the said *Chase*, from this Deponent's own House, to the then Governor's; where the said *Chase* executed the same in the Presence of this Deponent, and *John Raitt*. And this Deponent further saith, That the said *Chase* did come to this Deponent at his House, about the said Bond, and acquainted this Deponent, That he was to give a Bond for the Payment of the aforesaid Quantity of Tobacco, to Mrs. *Bourdillion*; but this Deponent absolutely denies, that he, this Deponent, ever thought, or said, or told the said *Chase*, that a Bond of Resignation was expected from him, or to any such Purpose; for, that on the contrary, this Deponent very well remembers, he asked Mr. *Bladen*, at the Time he desired him to draw the said Bond for the said Tobacco, Whether Mr. *Chase* was to give also a Bond of Resignation? And Mr. *Bladen* answered, He should not desire a Bond of Resignation from the said *Chase*. This Deponent cannot remember all the particular Conversation pass'd between the said *Chase* and this Deponent; but this Deponent positively declares, the said *Chase* very well knew, and was thoroughly apprised of the Nature of the Bond which this Deponent drew as aforesaid, before he the said *Chase* executed the same. And that this Deponent did not at any Time whatever, tell the said *Chase*, that he, this Deponent, was desired to draw a Bond of Resignation for the said *Chase* to execute; or that a Bond of Resignation, was the Condition on which the said *Chase* was to have the said Parish, or to any such Purpose. And this Deponent further saith, That he was so ways privy to the other Transactions and Matters alleged in the Petition of the said *Chase* to the Honourable the House of Assembly.

EDM. JENINGS.

*Sworn this first Day of June, Before* ROBERT GORDON.

(No. 4.)  
**J**OHAN RAITT, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth, and saith, That he was a Witness to a Bond executed by the Rev. Mr. *Chase*, for the Payment of Twenty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to Mrs. *Bourdillion*; and that to the best of his Knowledge, at the Time he came into the Room, in order to be such Witness, Mr. *Jenings* was reading the said Bond to Mr. *Chase*.

*Taken, and sworn to, before me, this first Day of June, 1747.*

JOHN BULLEN.

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