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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We, James Hoffman of Savannah, in the Province of Georgia, Merchant and William Deppier and George Smith, both of Savannah, Merchants, are held and firmly bound unto His Excellency James Wright, Esquire, Capt. General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the said province of Georgia, and Ordinary of the said, in the full and just sum of Two Thousand Pounds Sterling, to be paid to the said Governor, or to his successors, governors, and ordinaries of this province, or their certain attorneys or assignees To which payment, well and truly to be made. We bind ourselves, and each of us, jointly and severally, and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, and every of them, for and in the whole, firmly, by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this Twenty-Eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and

WHEREAS, by an act of the General Assembly of this province, intituled, "An Act to direct Executors and Administrators in the Manner and Method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates," and for allowing them, and all other Persons who shall or may be intrusted with the Care and Management of Minors and other Estates, to charge Commissions thereon; it is, among other things, therein and thereby enacted, That no letters of administration be granted by the ordinary of this province, to any person or persons whomsoever, as principal creditor or creditors to any intestate, but upon special trust and confidence, and for the benefit of all and singular the rest of the creditors; and that all debts of an equal nature be discharged by such administrator or administrators, in average and proportion, as far as the assets of the intestate extend; and that no preference be given among the creditors in equal degree; and that every such administrator and administrators be obliged to sue for such debts which he or they may reasonably expect to recover, or, at the request and proper charges of any of the creditors of the intestate, assign and empower them, or any of them, to sue for the debts outstanding to the estate of such intestate: NOW THE CONDITION of this obligation is such, That if the above-bounden

administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits, of

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deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits, of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of the said

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or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the secretary's office of this province at or before the Twenty-Fifth day of April next ensuing; and the same goods, chattels, and credits, of the said deceased, at the time of his death, which, at any time hereafter, shall come into the hands and possession of the said

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and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the secretary's office of this province at or before the Twenty-Fifth day of January next, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels, and credits, which shall be found remaining on the said administrator's account, (the same being first examined and allowed of by the governor and ordinary of this province for the purpose being) shall deliver and pay unto the person or persons respectively as the said governor and ordinary, by his decree or sentence, pursuant to the true intent and meaning of an act of parliament, made in the twenty-second and twenty-third years of the reign of King Charles the second, intituled, "An Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates," shall limit and appoint. And, if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same to the said governor and ordinary, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said

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above-bounden, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said letters of administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made) to the said governor and ordinary, then this obligation to be void of and none effect, or elicit to remain in full force and virtue.