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The condition of the above obligation is such that if the said William, who intermarried with Sarah F. Rowzee now dec.d who was a daughter and deseee and legatee of Richard Rowzee of Essex dec.d shall refund to the said Apphia Rowzee executrix of Richard Rowzee dec.d the said William Webbs due proportion of any debts or demands which may appear against the estate of the said Richard Rowzee and the costs attending the recovery of such debts according to the direction of a decree of the Chancery District Court held in Williamsburg made the 22d day of October 1808 in a suit then depending in the said Court between the said William Webb in his own right and as administrator of Sarah F. Webb his late wife plaintiff and Apphia Rowzee widow and executrix of Richard Rowzee dec.d and John Rowzee and Harriet his wife, the said John having intermarried with Harriot Rowzee since the institution of the said suit, and Apphia B. Rowzee an infant by Apphia Rowzee her guardian; then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to continue in full force and virtue

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Dorothy Booker

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