

**Know** All Men by these Presents, That We  
*Robt. Burgesse & Joshua Arthy*

are held and firmly bound unto *the Right Reverend Father in  
God Edmund Lord Bishop of London*  
in *Two hundred pounds*

of good and lawful Money of Great-Britain; To  
be paid unto the said *Bishop* or to  
his certain Attorney, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns: To  
which Payment, well and truly to be made, We oblige ourselves;  
and *each* of us by himself for the  
whole our and *every one* of our Heirs, Executors, and  
Administrators, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our Seals.  
Dated the *24<sup>th</sup>* Day of *March* in the

*6<sup>th</sup> Year* of the Reign of our Sovereign *Lord  
George King* by the Grace of God of Great-Britain, France,  
and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, and so forth: And  
in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and *forty*

*two*



The Condition of the above-written Obligation is such, That if there shall  
not hereafter appear any lawful Let or Impediment, by reason of any Pre-  
Contract, Consanguinity, Affinity, or any other just Cause whatsoever; but that  
*the abovesaid Joshua Arthy, Widower  
& Elizabeth Stann Singlewoman*

may lawfully marry together: And that there is not any Suit depending before  
any Judge Ecclesiastical or Civil, for, or concerning any such Pre-Contract:  
And that the Consent of the Parents, or others the Governors of the said Par-  
ties, be thereunto first had and obtained, and that they cause their said Mar-  
riage to be openly solemnized in the Face of the Parish Church of

*Wivenhoe* between the Hours of Eight and  
Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon; And do and shall save harmless and  
keep indemnified the abovenamed *Bishop of London*  
his Surrogates and all others his Officers, and Successors in Office, for, and  
concerning the Premises:

Then the said Obligation to be Void, or else to be and remain in full Force  
and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered (being first  
duly Stamped) in the Presence of

*Henry Edward*

*Tho: Goodwin*

*Robert Burges  
Joshua Arthy*