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This document is a penal bond from 1753, which was an essential auxiliary component used in the 18th-century English legal system to guarantee property. The Penalty: Robert Lambe, Sarah Brannes, and Cooper Clayson bind themselves to pay a massive penalty of Nine Hundred pounds to Thomas Knight. The Debt is completely void *if* Robert Lambe performs and fulfils all the rules, clauses, and conditions outlined in the accompanying Indenture of release. As part of this bond Robert has had to include his mother Anna Lambe who lives in Keyston.

Know all Men by these presents that we **Robert Lambe** of the parish of St Pauls Covent Garden in the County of Middlesex Hair Cutter, **Sarah Brannes** Mother in Law of the said Robert Lambe & **Cooper Clayson** of Greenwich in the County of Kent Baker are held and firmly bound to **Thomas Knight** of Islip in the County of Northampton Gentleman in Nine Hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to the said **Thomas Knight** or his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns for which payment to be well and faithfully made

We bind ourselves and each and every of us our and each and every of our heirs executors and administrators in the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated this sixteenth day of February in the Twenty Sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord **George the Second** by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden **Robert Lambe** his heirs executors administrators or assigns do well and truly observe perform fulfil accomplish and keep all and singular the covenants grants articles clauses provisos conditions and agreements whatsoever which on the part and behalf of the said **Robert Lambe** his heirs executors administrators or assigns are or ought to be observed performed fulfilled accomplished and kept comprised or mentioned in **one Indenture of Release** bearing date with these presents and made or expressed to be made Between **Anna Lambe** of Keyston in the County of Huntingdon Widow the said **Robert Lambe** and **Sarah** his Wife and the Right Honourable **Edward Lord Wentworth** Baron of Nettlestead and Dame **Judith** his Wife of the one part and the above named **Thomas Knight** of the other part in all things according to the true intent and meaning of the same Then this present obligation to be void and of none effect or else to be and remain in full force power and virtue .

Sealed and delivered (being first duly Stamped) in the presence of
by the above bounden

Robert Lambe and **Sarah Brannes**

in the presence of

Joshua Spurrier
Robert Lambe
Sarah Brannes

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Sealed and delivered being first
singly thought upon in presence of
the above named Person
James and Sarah
Drawings in the presence

Robt Lamb
Social Beauty