

STATE of NORTH-CAROLINA, }  
Swain County. }

Know all men by these presents, That we *John Whitaker*  
*Wm. Ross*

are held and firmly bound unto *John Branch* Governor,  
or his successors in office, in the full sum of five hundred pounds, current  
money, to be paid to the said Governor, his successors or assigns, for  
the which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind our-  
selves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally,  
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this *27th*  
day of *October* Anno Domini, 18*28*

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, That whereas  
the above bounden *John Whitaker* hath made application  
for a licence for marriage to be celebrated between him and *Polly*  
*Spencer* of the county aforesaid.....Now, in case it  
shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful cause or impediment  
to obstruct the said marriage, then the above Obligation to be void, oth-  
erwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

*J. M. ...*

*John Whitaker*  
*Wm. Ross*