of the State of Maryland present here in Court in his proper person of this that whereas the said Luther Martin on the fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two at Baltimore County aforesaid by his certain Bill obligatory sealed with the Seal of him the said Luther Martin here to the Court shewn and dated the same day and year acknowledged himself to owe the said Alexander McFadon by the name of Alexander McFadon the sum of One hundred and ten pounds specie to be paid to the said Alexander on or before the expiration of One Month from the date of the Bill obligatory aforesaid; And for the said payment well and truly to be made and done, he the said Luther Martin bound himself, his Heirs and Executors firmly by the same Bill. And the said James and Richardson in fact say that the said sum of One hundred pounds and ten pounds specie was at the time of making the Bill obligatory aforesaid and always hitherto hath been and now is of the value of the like sum of current money to wit at Baltimore County aforesaid Yet he the said Luther Martin though oftentimes thereto required the aforesaid sum of One hundred and ten pounds nor any part thereof nor any part of the value thereof to him the said Alexander McFadon in his life time or to the said James and Richardson after the death of him the said Alexander McFadon hath not rendered or paid but the same or any part thereof or any part of the value thereof to him the said Alexander McFadon in his life time or to the said James and Richardson after the death of him the said Alexander McFadon to render or pay hath refused and the same or any part thereof or any part of the value thereof to them the said James and Richardson to render or pay still doth refuse and unjustly detains wherefore they say they are the worse and have Damage to the value of One hundred pounds current money aforesaid and therefore they pray Remedy &c. And the said James and Richardson being here into Court as well the Bill obligatory aforesaid sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Luther Martin the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth as the Letters Testamentary to the aforesaid James and Richardson whereby it sufficiently appears to the Court here that the aforesaid James and Richardson are Executors of the Testament aforesaid and thereof have administration &c. — Tho. Jennings for the Plffs. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of the Bill obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned. —

Sherely oblige myself, my Heirs and Exors to pay or cause to be paid unto Mr. Alexander McFadon the sum of One hundred and ten pounds specie for a Negro Slave named Jack this day sold by him to me which sum of Money I promise to pay on or before the expiration of one Month from this date as Witness my Hand and Seal this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two. —

Luther Martin (Ls)

Adam Gantz. —

And the said Luther Martin by Richard Potts his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth. and prays leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, And the same day is given to the plaintiff also. —

At which said next Court, to wit, the second tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid James Armstrong and Richardson Stuart Executors aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid Luther Martin by his Attorney aforesaid, And



the aforesaid Luther Martin by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays further leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the plaintiff also. —

At which said next Court, to wit, the second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid James Armstrong and Richardson Stuart Executors aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid Luther Martin by his Attorney aforesaid And the aforesaid Luther Martin by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth. And prays further leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also. — At which said next Court, to wit, the second tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid James Armstrong and Richardson Stuart Executors aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Luther Martin by his Attorney aforesaid And the aforesaid Luther Martin by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays a hearing of the said writing obligatory and of the condition thereof, and to him they are read in these words, to wit. 'Sherely oblidge myself my heirs and Exors to pay or cause to be paid unto Mr. Alexander McFadon the sum of one hundred and ten pounds specie for a negro Slave named Jack this day sold by him to me which sum of money I promise to pay on or before the expiration of one Month from this date as Witness my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two." Luther Martin (Ls) which being read and heard the said Luther Martin saith that the said Stuart and Armstrong their Action aforesaid against him to have ought not thereof because he saith that after the making the said writing obligatory and before the day of Impetrating the Original Writ of the said Plaintiffs that is to say on the day of in the year seventeen hundred and eighty he the said Luther Martin paid to the said McFadon in his life time the said sum of money in the condition of the said Bond mentioned with all the Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Statute in such case made and provided And this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment whether the said Stewart and Armstrong their Action aforesaid against him the said Luther Martin to have a maintain ought &c. And the aforesaid Luther Martin by Richard Potts his said Attorney with the leave of the Court according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided further comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth And saith that the said Stewart and Armstrong their action aforesaid to have a maintain thereof against him ought not because he saith that the said Alexander McFadon in his life time to wit on the twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one at the County aforesaid by his writing obligatory sealed with his Seal which said writing obligatory the said Luther Martin brings here into Court the date which is the day and year aforesaid did promise to pay to Jeremiah Townley Chase and Richard Ridgely Esquires the sum of two hundred