Court here, the following short note and oyer of Bond: a copy whereof was made and sent with the said writ: to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid; Viz.t

Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson
against
George Dent of Wm

General Court: Western Shore of Maryland.

The Plaintiffs claim arises upon a writing obligatory; bearing date the twentieth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety six executed by the Defendant to the Plaintiffs for the sum of two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence current money of Maryland conditioned for the payment of the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny current money with legal Interest from the date of the said writing obligatory which the said Defendant hath hitherto refused and still doth refuse to render or pay to the said Plaintiffs to their damage of five hundred pounds current money; and therefore they bring their suit and so forth. P. B. Key Plff's Attorney September 22d 1796.

The writing obligatory whereof mention is above made is as follows, Viz.t

Know all Men by these presents, that I George Dent Son of William of Charles County in the State of Maryland at present in the Common wealth of Virginia am held and firmly bound unto Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson in the full sum of two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson their certain Attorney executors administrators or assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this twentieth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound George Dent his heirs executors or administrators do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson their certain Attorney, executors Administrators or assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and thirty pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny current money aforesaid with the legal interest Interest of Maryland thereon then this obligation to be void else to remain and be in full force and virtue in Law.

Geo: Dent (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Will. Vincent.

And a duplicate of the said aforegoing writ with copies of the aforesaid short note and oyer of bond were likewise made, executed and sent to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County At which mentioned second tuesday of october being the eleventh day of the same month in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six; and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come into the General Court here, the aforesaid Alexander Henderson Robert Ferguson and John Gibson by Philip Barton Key their Attorney aforesaid. And the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, Viz.t Joseph Green, Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, Viz.t "Non Est. short note set up at the Court house 26th Sept. & left at his last place of abode 27th Sept. Jos. Green Shff."

Whereupon the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid Viz.t Richard Harwood Gentleman to whom a duplicate of the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid also made and executed, likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, Viz.t

"Non Est Short Note set up at the State house door Rich.d Harwood Shff."

Whereupon the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson by their Attorney aforesaid pray that for as much as they have complied with the law in order for an attachment, they may have Judgment against the said George Dent for their debt by occasion of the premises aforesaid by way of attachment to issue against the goods and chattels rights and credits, lands or tenements of him the said George Dent for as well the sum of two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence current money of Maryland the debt aforesaid, as for what costs and charges have already and may be expended in the prosecution of the premises; wherefore for that it seems to the Court here that the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson have complied with the law as alledged, and the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson having made proof of their debt aforesaid to the Court here; It is therefore Considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson, and John Gibson have the writ of the State of Maryland of Attachment to issue against the goods and chattels, rights and credits, lands and tenements of the said George Dent within the Jurisdiction of the Court here being returnable on the Second tuesday of may next, for as well the sum of two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence current money of Maryland the debt aforesaid as for the quantity of three thousand pounds of tobacco costs and charges the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson have hitherto expended in and about the premises, and what further may accrue to them in prosecuting said writ of Attachment by the Court here adjudged according to form of the act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided. D.S.

Memorandum. Judgment for attachment rendered in this cause on the twenty second day of november in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six for the penalty and quantity of three thousand pounds of tobacco costs of Suit: to be released on payment of principal Interest and costs.

Test John Green — Clk.

And afterwards Viz.t on the said twenty second day of november in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson by Philip Barton Key their Attorney aforesaid sueed out of the General Court here, the writ of the State of Maryland of Attachment directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in the words and figures, following, Viz.t

The State of Maryland ss. To the Sheriff of Charles County greeting: We command you that you attach any of the goods, chattels, rights and credits, of George Dent of William late of Charles County Gentleman if they shall be found in your