Martin saith he is the worse and hath damage to the Value of Five hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of him the said John Bell which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth & whose date is the day & year aforesaid &c. James Cook for the Plff. Pledges &c. John Doe Richards Roe.

(Copy of the writing Obligatory af.d and the endorsements thereon)

I promise and Oblige myself my heirs, Executors and administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Honore Martin his Heirs or assigns the just and full sum of Two hundred pounds and six pence three farthings Current Money with legal Interest from the fifteenth day of August last value received, as Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of November 1797.

Tho. Lusted — John Bell (Seal)

No Interest to be claimed on forty seven pounds and two pence one farthing part of the within Note until the first day of January 1798.

for Honore Martin — Thomas Lusted

For value received, I do hereby assign, transfer, and make over unto Ruddle &c. theirs heirs Exr.s, adm.rs and assigns, all my right title, Interest, claim and demands whatsoever of, in and to the within Obligation, Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of December 1797.

Test. James Cook. — Honore Martin (Seal)

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same Month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Honore Martin by John Thomson Mason his attorney; and the Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid, to wit, Benj.a W. Jones, Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ, was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit:

"Cepi Copy left 24th January" — Benjamin W. Jones Sheriff.

And the said John Bell by John M. Gantt his Attorney appears in Court here, And thereupon on Motion of the aforesaid Honore Martin by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said John Bell give Special bail to the Action aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid, Whereupon the said John Bell by his attorney aforesaid, files in Court here, the following bail piece to wit.

Honore Martin use of Joseph Ricadle &c. Plaintiff vs. John Bell Deft.

You John B. Magruder and John Lumbell do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said John Bell at the

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suit of the said Honore Martin use of Joseph Ricadle and Co. in an Action of Debt brought by the said Honore Martin use of Joseph Ruddle &Co against the said John Bell in the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland acknowledged themselves to be content therewith this fourth day of May 1798.

John L. Summers
Before
Josiah H. M.cPherson

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court.

To John Thomson Mason Esq.r attorney for the Defendant.

And thereupon on Motion of the aforesaid Honore Martin by his his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said John Bell answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of the aforesaid Honore Martin in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; and the said John Bell by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth; and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and there to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Honore Martin in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Honore Martin also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, to which said day the said John Bell had leave to Imparle, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Honore Martin in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid Honore Martin by his attorney aforesaid, as the said John Bell by his attorney aforesaid; and the said John Bell by his attorney aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid Honore Martin his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c. because he saith that he the said John Bell did pay unto the aforesaid Honore Martin the said sum of money in the said writing Obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the said writing Obligatory, and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid Honore Martin his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth.

And the aforesaid Honore Martin by his attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said John Bell above in pleading alleged from having or maintaining his action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said John Bell hath not paid unto him the aforesaid Honore Martin the aforesaid sum of money in the writing Obligatory aforesaid mentioned with the Interest

(thereon)