thus endorsed, to wit: Levi Ladok Hurgis Sheriff.

And the said William Purnell being called upon appeared here in Court by Luther Martin his Attorney: Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid and by order of the Court here thereon was continued until the second Tuesday of April then next following. — At which said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and ninety one, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid; and thereupon the said William Purnell by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that the said State of Maryland might declare against him the said William Purnell in the plea aforesaid by the second Tuesday of September then next following; and it was granted unto him: Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid and by order of the Court here thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of September next following. —

At which said second Tuesday of September Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety one, came again the parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid: Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of April then Next following. —

At which said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and ninety two, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid: Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of September next following. —

At which said second Tuesday of September Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and ninety two, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid filed its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William Purnell in manner and form as follows: Eastern Shore, State of Maryland Worcester County,

to wit, William Purnell late of Worcester County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State sixteen hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and four pence State continental money of the value of sixteen hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and four pence current money of Maryland which from the said State he unjustly detains &c. & c. and whereupon the said State of Maryland by William Cooke its attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid William Purnell on the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty six, at Worcester County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State in the aforesaid sum of State continental money of the value of the aforesaid sum of current money to be paid to the said State when afterwards he should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid William Purnell (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of State continental money or the aforesaid value thereof in current money hath not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State hitherto to render or pay hath altogether refused and still doth refuse; wherefore the said State saith it is the worse and hath damage to the value of one thousand pounds current money aforesaid, and therefore the said State brings Suit, and &c. & c.; and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid William Purnell, which the debt aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and &c. & c. —

W. Cooke for the Plaintiff pledges, and &c. & c. John Doe and Richard Roe

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Set Know all men by these presents, that we William Purnell, Peter Chaille and Joseph Dashiell of Worcester County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of sixteen hundred and eleven pounds, two shillings and four pence current money, to be paid unto the said State of Maryland: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents: Sealed with our seals, and dated this thirteenth day of March Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and eighty six. —

The Condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bound William Purnell shall well and truly pay unto the Treasurer of the Western Shore for the time being the just and full sum of eight hundred and five pounds eleven shillings and