late of Prince Georges County Gentleman otherwise called Thomas Gantt Junior of Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Thomas Bowles in a plea that he render unto him the sum of four thousand six hundred pounds Current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Thomas Bowles by Thomas Jennings his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Thomas Gantt Junior on the twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two at Prince Georges County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Thomas Bowles in the aforesaid sum of four thousand six hundred pounds Current money to be paid to him the said Thomas Bowles when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas Gantt Junior although often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of four thousand six hundred pound Current money nor any part thereof to him the said Thomas Bowles hath not rendered or paid but the same hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of two thousand three hundred pounds Current money aforesaid and therefore he brings suit and so forth And brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Thomas Gantt Junior which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid &c. Jno. Doe &c. Rd. Roe

Thos. Jennings for the Pltiff pledges &c.

A Copy of which aforegoing declaration was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid. And now here at this day to wit the second Tuesday of May being the 9th day of the same month in the year 1786 and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes the said Thomas Bowles by his said Attorney. And the Sheriff of Prince Georges County to whom the aforegoing writ was directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit: Copi. Bail. bo. ppy 12th of April. N. Blackloch. Shf. of PG County. And the said Thomas Gantt Junior being called upon appears and at the prayer of the plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid. Whereupon the said Thomas Gantt files in Court here the following bail piece and warrant of Attorney to wit: You Edward Gantt & Levi Gantt acknowledge yourself special for Thomas Gantt at the suit of Thomas Bowles in an action of debt brought by the said Thomas Bowles against the said Thomas Gantt in the General Court they acknowledge themselves content therewith this thirteenth day of April 1786. before us — Ren.d Johnson, Robert Bowie

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court. — Richard Potts Esq.r is desired and empowered to appear for the defendant. And the said Thomas Gantt Junior Richard Potts his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c. and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and of the condition thereof and he hath them as follows: Know all men by these presents that Thomas Gantt Junior of Prince Georges County in the State

of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Thomas Bowles of Frederick County in the same State in the full and just sum of four thousand six hundred pounds Current Money in Gold or Silver reating half Johannes at three pounds each and silver dollars at seven shillings and six pence each and so pro rato for any gold or silver coin to be paid unto the said Thomas Bowles his heirs, Executors or administrators to the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this 21st day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Gantt Junior his heirs or assigns shall well and truly pay and satisfie unto the said Thomas Bowles his heirs or Executors the just and full sum of two thousand three hundred pounds in Gold or silver Currency that is to say half Johannes at three pounds each and silver dollars at seven shillings and six pence each and so pro rato for any Gold or Silver in the following manner and way that is to say four hundred pounds on the thirtieth day of September next with legal Interest from this date four hundred pounds on the thirtieth day of September in 1783 with legal Interest from the date and the remainder of the said money on the thirtieth day of September 1784 with legal Interest from the date that then this Obligation to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue in Law.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Chas. Beatty

Thos. Gantt Junior (L S)

And the said Thomas Gantt by his said Attorney prays leave 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 10th day of October Anno Domini 1786 come again the said parties plaintiff and defendant by their Attornies aforesaid and the aforesaid Thomas Gantt Junior by Richard Potts his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said plaintiff his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not because he saith that after the Execution of the writing obligatory aforesaid and before the impetration of the writ original in this cause to wit the first day of January seventeen hundred and Eighty five he the said Thomas Gantt paid to the aforesaid plaintiff the aforesaid sum of two thousand three hundred pounds in Gold Currency that is to say half Johannes at three pounds each with all legal Interest thereon then due and this he is ready verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Thomas Bowles his action aforesaid against him to have and maintain ought and so forth. R. Potts for Deft.

And the said Thomas Bowles by his said Attorney says that he by any thing by the said Thomas Gantt Junior alledged from having and maintaining his action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the aforesaid Thomas Gantt Junior did not pay to him the said Thomas Bowles the aforesaid sum of two thousand three hundred pounds in Gold Currency that is to say half Johannes at three pounds each with all legal Interest thereon then due on the afs.d first day of January seventeen hundred