indorsed on the said writing obligatory and with the proper hands and names of the said Chase and Ridgely subscribed and with the Seals of the said Chase and Ridgely sealed bearing date the day and year last aforesaid according to the force form and effect of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided the said writing obligatory and the aforesaid sum of Two hundred pounds current money aforesaid and all their right and title thereto unto him the said Luther Martin did assign as the bounty aforesaid whereof the said Alexander afterwards in his life time had notice to wit on the said day and year last aforesaid and at the County aforesaid which said assignment the said Luther Martin brings into Court sealed with the Seals of the said Chase and Ridgely the date of which is the day and year last aforesaid whereby and by force of the said Act of Assembly in that case made and provided the said Alexander in his life time became indebted to the said Luther Martin in the said sum of two Hundred pounds which said sum of Two hundred pounds the said Mr. Faddon in his life time or the said Stewart and Armstrong since the death of the said Mr. Faddon, or either of them have not paid or satisfied to the said Luther Martin which said sum of Two hundred pounds current money or so much thereof as is equal to the sum of money mentioned in the condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned in the said Declaration and the Interest thereon due, the said Luther Martin prayeth may be discounted out of the said sum of money in the said condition of the said writing obligatory in the said Declaration mentioned, and the Interest thereon, and be set off and placed in discharge thereof according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided And this the said Luther Martin is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment whether the said Stewart and Armstrong their Action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain ought &c. R. Ridgely pr Dft. —

Oyer of the writing obligatory in the plea last above mentioned, and of the Oath and Assignment thereon follows in these words, to wit,

I promise to pay Jeremiah Townley Chase and Richard Ridgely, the sum of Two Hundred pounds specie. Value received on Demand: Witness my hand & Seal this 27th. day of September seventeen hundred and eighty one, Alex.r M.c Fadon (L.S.)

Witness. Richardson Stuart.

(endorsed)

Baltimore County, to wit, March 9th. 1782. Came Jeremiah Townley Chase and Richard Ridgely and severally made oath, that they have received no part of the sum mentioned in the within obligation to the best of their knowledge but that the same is due

Sworn before Thos. Sollers.

We hereby assign over the within single Bill, and all our right and Title thereto to Luther Martin Esquire, for value received, Witness our Hands and Seals this 9th. day of March 1782

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of David M.c Mechin

Jr. Tolv. Chase.
R. Ridgely

And the aforesaid Stewart and Armstrong by their Attorney aforesaid come and say that they by any thing in the plea of the said Luther alledged from having and maintaining their Action against him to be precluded ought not, because they say that by an

of Assembly made and passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifteen entitled. An Act for rectifying the ill practice of Attorneys of this province and ascertaining Fees to the Attorney General, Clerk of Indictments, Attorneys and Practitioners of the Law in the Courts of this province and for levying the same by way of Execution it is amongst other things enacted, that all Bills, Bonds, or other specialties taken by any Attorney or other person practising the Law in any of the aforesaid Courts (to wit, the Courts in the said Act mentioned) or any Bills Bonds specialties taken by any of the Clerks of any bounty Courts of this province from and after the end of this Session of Assembly shall be indorsed on the Back side thereof for what matter or how the same did become due; And for default thereof all such Bills Bonds and Specialties shall be void; any Law usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; as by the said Act of Assembly now in full force and unrepealed may appear, And the aforesaid Stewart and Armstrong further say that the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase and Richard Ridgely in the plea of the said Luther mentioned were after the making and publication of the aforesaid Act, to wit on the twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one in the said writing Obligatory of the said Alexander Mr. Faddon mentioned, and at the time of making thereof Attornies of the General Court and of Baltimore and Anne Arundell County Courts in this State, duly admitted and qualified. And the aforesaid Stewart and Armstrong further say that the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase and Richard Ridgely so being then and there Attornies of the Courts aforesaid did during the Time they remained and continued Attornies as aforesaid take the writing obligatory of him the said Alexander M.c Faddon in the plea of the said Luther mentioned, to wit, at Baltimore County aforesaid without indorsing on the Backside thereof for what matter or how the same did become due, whereby it might have appeared upon that consideration the same was taken, by reason whereof the writing obligatory aforesaid as aforesaid made by the said Alexander is by force of the Act of Assembly aforesaid void and of no effect, wherefore the said Richardson and Armstrong pray Judgment for their debt aforesaid together with the Damages sustained by reason of the detention of that Debt to them to them to be adjudged &c. Thos. Jennings for Plff

And the aforesaid Luther Martin by his Attorney last aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court to rejoin hereunto until next Court and he hath it. And thereupon further process of and upon the premisses aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon, is further continued until the second tuesday of October then next following.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety one come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid James Armstrong and Richardson Stuart Executors