vince and ascertaining Fees to the Attorney General, Clerk of Indictments Attorneys and practicers 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 or other specialties taken by any of the Clerks of any County Courts of this province from and after the end of this Session of Assembly shall be endorsed 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 one thousand seven hundred and eighty one in the said writing obligatory of the said Alexander Mc. Fadon mentioned and at the time of making thereof Attornies of the General Court and of Baltimore and Ann Arundel 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 attorneys of the Courts aforesaid did during the time they remained and continued Attornies as aforesaid take the writing obligatory of him the said Alexander Mc. Fadon in the plea of the said Luther mentioned to wit at Baltimore County aforesaid without endorsing on the back side thereof before the impetration of the Original Writ in this cause or at any time since for what matter or how the same did become due whereby it might have appeared upon what consideration the same was taken by reason whereof the writing obligatory aforesaid so as aforesaid made by the said Alexander is by force of the Act of Assembly aforesaid void and of no effect wherefore the said Stewart and Armstrong pray Judgment for their Debt aforesaid together with their Damages sustained by reason of the detention of that debt to them to be adjudged and so forth. — And the aforesaid Luther Martin in his proper person files in Court here the following Bill obligatory with the Oath and Assignment thereon, as follows, to wit.

I promise to pay Jeremiah Townley Chase and Richard Ridgely Esquires 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 Mc. Fadon (Seal)

Witness Richardson Stuart.

indorsed,

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. — 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 McMechin — J. Townly Chase (Seal) — R. Ridgely (Seal)

To which aforegoing Bill obligatory was annexed the followed writing to wit, —

The Consideration of the within Bill arises from Alexander Mc. Fadon, the obligor having been charged with supplying the Enemy at New York, with provision during the War, and being under Recognizance to answer the said charge, applied to J. Townly Chase and Richard Ridgely to defend him, and offered to give them the sum of money mentioned in the said Note and passed his note Accordingly to secure the payment of the said sum, that no Bill being found against him, they informed him they would relinquish all but one hundred pounds, and assigned the Note to Luther Martin Esq.r for that sum — R. Ridgely. J. Townly Chase.

May 20th. 1793. —

And the aforesaid Luther Martin comes and saith that Notwithstanding any thing by the said Stewart and Armstrong in their said Replication replied they ought not to have a maintain their said Action thereof against him because he saith that the said writing obligatory of the said Mc. Fadon before mentioned to have been executed and delivered to the said Chase and Ridgely was taken for a good and valuable consideration and that on the back side of the same writing obligatory it is endorsed for what matter and how the same did become due and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c.

Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon, is continued until the second tuesday of October then next following. —

And now here at this day, to wit, the said second tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety three come again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid James Armstrong and Richardson Stewart Executors aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid aforesaid as the aforesaid Luther Martin in his proper person. Whereupon the aforesaid Luther Martin in his proper person with the consent of the said James Armstrong and Richardson Stewart Executors aforesaid and their Attornies aforesaid withdraws from the Rejoinder aforesaid the Issue aforesaid by him herein before set forth. —

And the said James Armstrong and Richard Stuart Executors aforesaid, say, that the plea of the aforesaid Luther Martin above in rejoining pleaded, and the matter in the same contained, are not sufficient in law to preclude them the said James Armstrong and Richardson Stuart Executors aforesaid from having their Action aforesaid against him and that they to that plea in manner and form aforesaid pleaded have no necessity, nor are by the Law of the Land obliged to answer, and this they are ready to verify, wherefore