by his attorney aforesaid a certain Thomas Morton of Montgomery County Gentleman present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Carlton Belt that in case the aforesaid Lenox Martin shall recover Judgment against the said Carlton Belt in the plea aforesaid or that the said Carlton Belt shall be therein legally convict that then the said Carlton Belt shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Montgomery County in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Thomas Morton will do the same for him. Whereupon the said Carlton Belt by James Cook his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth. And the aforesaid Lenox Martin by his attorney aforesaid prays that the said Carlton Belt may answer to his declaration aforesaid in the plea aforesaid by the twentieth day of August next; and thereupon it is said to the said Carlton Belt, that if he doth not answer to the declaration of the aforesaid Lenox Martin by the said twentieth day of August next, Judgment will be entered against him by default. And hereupon the said Carlton Belt by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth: and prays leave of the Court to Imparle hereunto untill the second tuesday of October next and he hath it: the same day is given to the aforesaid Lenox Martin also. At which said second tuesday of October being the Eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six comes again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid Lenox Martin by his attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid Carlton Belt by his attorney aforesaid. And the said Carlton Belt by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays oyer of the said writing obligatory and it is read to him as follows, towit "Know all Men by these presents that We Carlton Belt and Eneas Campbell both Montgomery County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Lenox Martin of Frederick County in the State aforesaid in the Just and full sum of three hundred and thirty two pounds ten shillings Current money of Maryland for value received, to which payment well and truely to be made and done We bind our selves and each of us, our, and each of our heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this first day of August in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety one," he also prays oyer of the Condition of the said Writing obligatory and it is read to him in these words, towit" The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Carlton Belt his heirs Executors or administrators shall well and truely pay unto the

aforesaid Lenox Martin his heirs executors administrators or assigns the sum of One hundred and sixty six pounds five shillings on or before the last day of September in the year of our lord seventeen hundred and ninety five with legal Interest from the first day of January next, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue" which being read and heard the said Carlton says that the said Lenox ought not to have or maintain his aforesaid Action because he says that he the said Carlton on the said last day of September in the year of our lord seventeen hundred and ninety five mentioned in the said Condition towit, at Montgomery County aforesaid paid to the said Lenox the said sum of One hundred and sixty six pounds five shillings, mentioned in the condition with legal Interest for the same, from the first day of January then next, ensuing the date of the said Writing obligatory according to the form and effect of the aforesaid Condition towit, at Montgomery County aforesaid, and this he is ready to verify: wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Lenox ought to have or maintain his aforesaid Action thereof against him the said Carlton had and so forth, and for further plea in this behalf the said Carlton by leave of the Court here for this purpose first had and obtained according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, says that he ought not to be charged with the debt aforesaid by reason of the said writing obligatory because he saith that by a certain Act made and passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis in the County of Anne Arundel the twenty sixth day of April and ended the third day of June in the first year of the reign of George King of Great Britain France and Ireland &c and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifteen entitled " An Act for rectifying the ill practices 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" among other things it is enacted that all Bills Bonds or other specialties taken by any attorney or other person practising the Law in any of the aforesaid Courts 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 that Session of Assembly shall be endorsed on the back side thereof for what matter or how the same do 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 in the same act among other things more fully is contained. And the said Carlton Belt further saith that after the making