of the Bill a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said Writ to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in form following to wit.

General Court for the Western Shore of the State of Maryland Allegany County ss Hanson Briscoe late of Allegany County Merchant Otherwise called Hanson Briscoe was summoned to answer unto Joseph Thornburgh of a plea that he render unto him the sum of Two hundred and ninety five pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth, and whereupon the said Joseph by James P Boyd his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Hanson Briscoe on the eighth day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety eight at the County aforesaid by his certain Bill Obligatory sealed with the seal of the said Hanson Briscoe and to the Court now here shewn the date whereof is on the day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be indebted to the said Joseph Thornburgh in the said sum of Two hundred and ninety five pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny Current money with legal Interest thereon till paid for value received to be paid to the said Joseph in sixty days after the date of the said Bill and to the said payment well and truly to be made and done the said Hanson Briscoe by the said Bill firmly bound himself his heirs Executors and Administrators yet the said Hanson the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof to him the said Joseph hath not contented or paid altho so to do the aforesaid Hanson afterwards to wit on the ninth day of May in the year aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aforesaid was Requested but the same sum of money or any part thereof to the said Joseph to render or pay he hath altogether Refused and still doth Refuse to pay the same therefore the said Joseph saith that he is the worse and hath damage to the value of five hundred pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and so forth. Pledges to Prosecute John Doe & Richd Roe

Copy of the Bill aforesaid

Sixty days after date I Promise and Oblige myself my Heirs Executors or Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Joseph Thornburgh his Heirs or Assigns the just and full sum of Two hundred and ninety five pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny current money with legal Interest thereon till paid value of him Received as Witness my hand and seal this eighth day of March Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight

Hanson Briscoe (Seal)

Witness Present
John McNeir

At which second tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and the day of the Return of the aforesaid writ comes into the General Court there the said Joseph Thornburgh by his Attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Allegany County to whom the

said Writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes makes Return thereof to court here that endorsed to wit—

Cepi Copy left 18th Sept. Robt Sinclair Shff

And the said Hanson Briscoe by John Thomson Mason his Attorney appears in court here and thereupon on motion of the said Joseph Thornburgh by his Attorney aforesaid. It is Ruled by the Court here that the said Hanson Briscoe give special Bail in the plea aforesaid, whereupon the said Hanson Briscoe by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here a certain Bail piece in form following to wit

Joseph Thornburgh Plaintiff against Hanson Briscoe Defendant } You Charles F Broadbag and Thomas Desap do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said Hanson Briscoe at the suit of the said Joseph Thornburgh in an Action of Debt brought by the said Joseph Thornburgh against the said Hanson Briscoe in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith. this second day of October 1798

Before us. N. A Browne (Seal)
Robt. Armstrong (Seal)

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court. I Hanson Briscoe do hereby empower and appoint John T Mason esquire to appear for me in the above Action. Given under my hand and seal this second day of October 1798

Witness

Hanson Briscoe (LS)

And thereupon on motion of the said Joseph Thornburgh by his Attorney aforesaid It is Ruled by the Court here that the said Hanson Briscoe answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Joseph Thornburgh in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court there will be Rendered against him in default thereof and the said Hanson Briscoe by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of may next and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Joseph Thornburgh in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted. the same day is given to the said Joseph Thornburgh also

At which said second tuesday of may being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. to which said day the said Hanson Briscoe had leave to imparle and then to answer come again into the General Court here as well the said Joseph Thornburgh by his attorney aforesaid as the said Hanson Briscoe by his Attorney aforesaid; and the said Hanson Briscoe by his attorney aforesaid (as before defends the force and injury when and so forth &c) saith that the said Joseph Thornburgh ought not to have or maintain his action aforesaid against him because he saith that he hath paid to the said Joseph Thornburgh the said sum of money in the bill obligatory mentioned with the interest thereon according to the said bill and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Joseph Thornburgh ought to have or maintain his action