sheriff should not fail at his peril; and that he should have then & there that writ &c.

And now here at this day, to wit the forst monday in April, being the third day of the same month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes here into the County court aforesaid the said Thomas Jenkins by John Mackall Gantt his Attorney and offers himself against the said Joseph Combs in the plea aforesaid, and the Sheriff, to wit Joseph Boone Gentleman, to whom the said writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit:

Cepi. J Boone Shff.

And the said Joseph Combes appears in Court here by Thomas Contee Bowie his attorney and at the prayer of the said Thomas Jenkins by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said Joseph Combs give Special bail to the action aforesaid - Whereupon a certain Leonard Townsend of Prince Georges County, present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Joseph Combes that in case the said Thomas Jenkins shall recover Judgment against the said Joseph Combs in the plea aforesaid or that the said Joseph Combs shall be legally convicted therein that then the said Joseph Coombes shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereon or render his body to the custody of the Sheriff of Prince Georges county in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said Leonard Townsend will do the same for him and the said Joseph Combs by his Attorney defends the force and injury when and &c forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill next Court and he hath it the same day is given to the plaintiff also - at which said next court to wit the first monday in September being the fourth day of the same month in the year aforesaid, come here again into the County Court Court aforesaid the parties aforesaid by their attornies aforesaid and the said Thomas Jenkins by his attorney declares against the said Joseph Combes in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following, to wit. Prince Georges County. to wit. Joseph Coombes late of Prince Georges County yeoman was summoned to answer unto Thomas Jenkins in a plea that he render unto him the sum of Fourteen pounds five Shillings current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c forth and whereupon the said Thomas by John McGantt his attorney says

that whereas the aforesaid Joseph on the thirteenth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six at the county aforesaid by his certain bill obligatory promised to pay unto the said Thomas Jenkins the just and fule sum of fourteen pounds five Shillings when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph altho often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of money hath not contented or paid but the same or any part thereof hitherto to render or pay to the said Thomas hath hitherto altogether refused, and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Thomas in the sum of thirty pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and he brings here into Court the bill obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the said Joseph which the deft aforesaid in form aforesaid willeth whose date is on the day and year aforesaid

John McGantt for pltff. pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

(Copy of the bill obligatory as follows)

I promise to pay unto Thomas Jenkins the just and fuel sum of fourteen pounds five Shillings on or before the twenty third day of January ninety seven.

Joseph Combs (Seal)

October 13th 1798

And the said Joseph Coombes by his Attorney aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays further leave of the Court here to imparle untill next Court and he hath it the same day is given the plaintiff also.

And now here at this day, to wit the forst monday in April being the second day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, come here again into the County Court aforesaid the parties aforesaid by their attornies aforesaid and the said Joseph Coombes by his attorney, as before, defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays in hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof which are read to him which being read and heard the said Joseph saith that the said Thomas ought not to have or maintain his action aforesaid thereof against him because he saith that after the executing the writing obligatory mentioned in the said declaration and before the impetration of the original writ according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided at the county aforesaid he the said Joseph paid the said Thomas the said sum in the condition aforesaid mentioned with the interest thereon current money of Maryland which he then and there received in full Satisfaction of all sums of money at that time due from the said Joseph to the said Thomas and this he is ready to