Maryland, sc.

At a General Court of the State of Maryland, one of the United States of America, begun and held for the Western Shore of the said State at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May, being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three; And in the Twenty seventh year of the Independence of the said United States of America

Present,

The Honorable, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquire Chief Judge. John Done, and Richard Spragg, Esquires Judges

Henry Howard Esquire Sheriff John Gwinn Clerk.

In the Record of proceedings of the same Court, amongst others is the following, to wit.

Dixon Slade and Elizabeth his wife, against Robert Morgan

Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine the said Dixon Slade and Elizabeth his wife by Aquila Hall their Attorney, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum, directed to the Sheriff of Harford County, in the words following, to wit;

The State of Maryland, sc. To the Sheriff of Harford County, Greeting, You are hereby commanded to take Robert Morgan late of Harford County Yeoman otherwise called Robert Morgan of Harford County and province of Maryland if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, to answer Dixon Slade and Elizabeth his wife in a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of Five thousand pounds sterling money of Great Britain which from them he unjustly detains and so forth, hereof fail not at your peril; and have you then and there this writ,

Witness the honourable Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquire, Chief Judge of the said Court, the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine,

Jno. Gwinn, Clk.

Issued the 3rd day of September 1799. (A.H.)

And the said Dixon Slade and Elizabeth his wife by their Attorney aforesaid, on the day of prosecuting and suing forth the said writ, declared in the Court here against the said Robert Morgan in the plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit,

Western Shore, State of Maryland, Harford County, to wit, Robert Morgan late of Harford County yeoman, otherwise called Robert Morgan of Harford County and province of Maryland was summoned to answer Dixon Slade and Elizabeth his wife in a plea

that he render unto them the full and just sum of Five thousand pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain which from them he unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said Dixon Slade and Wife by Aquila Hall their Attorney say, that whereas the said Robert on the eighth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the then right honourable the Lord proprietary of this province in the said sum of money to be paid to the said Lord proprietary when he should be thereto requested by reason whereof and by force of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided action has accrued to the said Dixon and Wife to have and demand from the said Robert the said sum of money, And the said Dixon and Wife in fact say that the said sum of Five thousand pounds Sterling money was at the time of making the writing obligatory aforesaid always has been and still is of the value of Eight thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Current Money of Maryland, to wit, at the County aforesaid of which the said Robert had notice, Nevertheless the said Robert the said sum of Sterling money or the value thereof to the said Elizabeth before her intermarriage with the said Dixon or to the said Dixon since (although often requested) has not contented or paid but the same to content or pay he has always refused and still doth refuse wherefore they say they are the worse and have damage to the value of Ten thousand pounds Current Money, and therefore they bring suit; and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the said Robert which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth

Aquila Hall for Plffs. Pledges &c John Doe and Richard Roe

Oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof

Know all men by these presents that we Robert Morgan, William Morgan and John Wilson of Harford County and province of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary of this province in the full and just sum of Five thousand pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain to be paid to the said Lord proprietary his heirs and successors To which payment well and truly to be made and done, We bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our Heirs Executors and Administrators in the whole, and for the whole jointly and severally firmly by these presents, Sealed with our seals and dated this Eighth day of February in fifth Year of his said Lordships Dominion &c Annoque Domini 1776,

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Morgan Executor of the last Will and Testament Edward Morgan late of Harford County deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Robert Morgan or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him; and the same so made do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited into the registry of our prerogative