late of Calvert County yeoman otherwise called Richard Harwood of Calvert County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto John Duvall of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence of the value of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said John Duvall by Allen Bowie Duckett his Attorney, saith, that whereas the aforesaid Richard Harwood on the ninth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and one at Calvert County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid John Duvall in the aforesaid full and sum of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence of the value of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence current money to be paid to the said John Duvall when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard Harwood (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence of the value aforesaid to the said John Duvall hath not rendered or paid but the same sum of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence of the value aforesaid to the said John Duvall hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore the said John Duvall says he is the worse and hath damage to the value of One hundred and seventy pounds current money, and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Richard Harwood which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth.

Allen B Duckett for the Plaintiff. pledges and so forth. John Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of Bond and condition as follows, to wit;

Know all Men by these presents that I Richard Harwood of Calvert County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto John Duvall of Prince Georges County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence to be paid to the said John Duvall his certain Attorney heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns, To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents, Sealed with my Seal, and dated this ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and one.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Harwood do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid John Duvall his certain Attorney heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of Eighty nine pounds seven shillings and one penny Current Money on or before the first day of June next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest thereon from this date then the above obligation to be void, and of none effect else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of — Alex. Young & Richard Harwood (seal)

On the Back whereof was the following endorsement, to wit;

If this Bond is paid by the 1st day of June next will charge Interest only upon two thirds of the amt.
9th December 1801. J.D.

Copies of which said Declaration and Oyer were made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid, thereon endorsed, "To be served on the Defendant with the Writ; or left at his last place of abode at least eight days before Court; in order for plea or Judgment the first Court."

At which mentioned fourth Monday of April being the twenty fifth day of the same month Anno Domi 1803, and the day of the return of the foregoing writ, comes into Court here the said John Duvall by Allen B Duckett his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Calvert County, to wit; Nathan Smith, Gentleman, to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed; makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit; "Cepi Copy left in time, Nathan Smith Sheriff."

And the said Nathan Smith Sheriff of Calvert County aforesaid, although solemnly called upon by order of the Court here, on motion of the said John Duvall by his Attorney aforesaid to bring into Court here the Body of the said Richard Harwood, whom he ought to have here this day in pursuance of the command of the writ aforesaid, and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, brings not into Court here the said Richard Harwood, but therein doth make default; whereupon on motion of the said John Duvall by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said Nathan Smith Sheriff of Calvert County aforesaid be amerced the said sum of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence current money the debt aforesaid, in the declaration of the said John Duvall in the plea aforesaid, and the costs and charges that have accrued or may accrue in the plea aforesaid in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said Richard Harwood on the second day of the next Court, and the same day is given to the said John Duvall also.

At which said next Court, to wit, the fourth Monday of September being the twenty sixth day of the same month Anno domi 1803, and also on the second day of the same Term being the twenty seventh day of the said month comes into Court here the said John Duvall by his Attorney aforesaid, and because the said Nathan Smith Sheriff, as aforesaid hath not brought into Court here the body of the said Richard Harwood to answer unto the said John Duvall in the plea aforesaid (whom by this day being the second day of the Term as aforesaid he ought to have had here in compliance of the rule aforesaid, and to save the amercement aforesaid) but therein hath made default, It is ruled by the Court here on motion of the said John Duvall by his Attorney aforesaid, that the said Nathan Smith Sheriff as aforesaid be further amerced the said sum of One hundred and seventy eight pounds fourteen shillings and two pence current money the Debt afsd. in the declaration of the said John Duvall in the plea aforesaid and the costs and charges that have or may accrue in the plea aforesaid in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said Richard Harwood on the second day of the next Court, and the same day is given to the said John Duvall also.

At which said next Court, to wit, the fourth Monday of April being the twenty third day of the same month Anno Domi 1804 and also the second ~~the second~~ day of the said Court being