Money of Maryland which from them he unjustly detains &c. and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail &c.

And the afsd Robert and Amos by Stephen Bordley their Attorney Declare against the afsd Samuel Hopkins in the Plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Maryland ss. Samuel Hopkins late of Worcester County Merchant otherwise called Samuell Hopkins of the County of Worcester in the Province of Maryland Merchant was Summoned to Answer unto Robert Shettell and Amos Shettell of a Plea that he render unto them the Sum of two hundred and twenty five Pounds fourteen Shillings Pensylvania Currency of the Value of three hundred Pounds Current Money of Maryland which from them he unjustly detains &c.

And Whereupon the said Robert and Amos by Stephen Bordley their Attorney say That Whereas the afsd Samuel on the Tenth day of January in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and forty four at Worcester County afsd by his certain Writing Obligatory Acknowledged himself to be held and firmly Bound unto them the said Robert and Amos in the aforesaid Sum of Two hundred and twenty five Pounds fourteen Shillings Pensylvania Currency of the Value of three hundred Pounds Current Money of Maryland aforesaid to be paid to them the said Robert and Amos when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Samuel (altho' often thereunto required) the afsd Sum of Two hundred and twenty five Pounds fourteen Shillings Pensylvania Currency of the Value of three hundred Pounds Current Money of Maryland aforesaid to them the said Robert and Amos hath not rendered or paid but the same to them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore they say they are the worse and have Damage to the value of One hundred Pounds Current Money of Maryland aforesaid and therefore they bring Suit &c. and bring here into Court the Writing Obligatory afsd Sealed with the Seal of the afsd Samuel which the Debt afsd in form afsd Witnesseth whose date is the day and Year aforesaid &c.

Pledges &c. { John Doe, Richd Roe }

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the Writ in the Plea aforesaid

At which said third Tuesday of October to wit the 17th day of the same Month Anno Dom. 1750 being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ come the said Robert and Amos by their Attorney afsd and the Sheriff of Worcester County to whom the same Writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed Vigt. Cepi Corpus Copy left but not in time So Answers Thos Lambden Shff.

And the said Samuel Hopkins being called upon appears, Thereupon at the Prayer of the Plaintiffs by their Attorney afsd the afsd Samuel Hopkins is Adjudged to give special Bail to the Action afsd, Thereupon a certain Thomas Lambden of Worcester County Gentl. present here in Court in his Proper Person Undertakes for the said Samuel Hopkins that in Case the said Robert Shettell and Amos Shettell shall recover Judgment against the said Samuel Hopkins in the Plea aforesaid or that the said Samuel Hopkins shall be thereon legally Convict that then the said Samuel Hopkins shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his Body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Worcester County in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said Thomas Lambden will do the same for him

(And)

And the afsd Samuel Hopkins by Edward Dorsey his Attorney comes and defends the Force and Injury when &c. and prays that the afsd Robert Shettell and Amos Shettell may be Adjudged to give Security for Cost in Case they shall happen to be Nonsuited in the Plea aforesaid Thereupon a certain Samuel Galloway of Annarundel County Gentl. present here in Court in his proper Person becomes Security for the Payment thereof

And the aforesaid Samuel Hopkins by his said Attorney prays an hearing of the Writing Obligatory afsd and it is read unto him he also prays an hearing of the Condition of the same Writing and he hath it in these Words following to wit. The Condition of the above written Obligation is such that if the above Bounden Samuel Hopkins his Heirs Executors or Administrators or any of them do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid Robert and Amos Shettle them their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and Just Sum of One hundred and twelve Pounds and Seventeen Shillings of like money of this Government at or upon the Tenth day of April next ensuing the date hereof without Fraud or further delay that then this present Obligation shall be Void and of none Effect or else to remain in full force and Virtue.

Which being read and heard the said Samuel Hopkins by his said Attorney prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th day of April Anno Dom. 1750. Come again the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attorneys afsd and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also

At which said next Court to wit the 11th day of September Anno Dom. 1750. Come again the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attorneys afsd and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also

At which said next Court to wit the 9th day of April Anno Dom. 1751. Come again the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attorneys afsd and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th day of September Anno Dom. 1751. Come again as well the said Robert Shettell and Amos Shettell by their Attorney afsd as the afsd Samuel Hopkins by his Attorney afsd and the said Samuel Hopkins by his said Attorney as before defends the Force and Injury when &c. and saith that he with the Debt afsd by Virtue of the Writing Obligatory afsd to be burthened ought not because he saith that that Writing is not his Deed and of this he puts himself upon the Country and the afsd Robert and Amos in like manner.

And the afsd Samuel by leave of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such Case lately made and provided further comes and defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that the said Robert and Amos their Action afsd against them the said Samuel to have or maintain ought not because he saith That he the said Samuel before the Day of the Impetration of the Original Writ of them the said Robert and Amos. to wit on the said tenth day of April next ensuing the date of the said Obligation at Worcester County afsd paid unto them the said Robert and Amos the aforesaid Sum of One hundred and twelve Pounds seventeen Shillings in the Condition afsd above mentioned which to them he ought to have paid according to the form and effect of the same Condition and this he is ready to

(Verify)