Seals of the aft.d Thomas and Charles sealed hereunto Court doth bring the date whereof is the same day and Year aft.d Acknowledged themselves to Owe unto the said George the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Nine pounds Four Shillings and seven pence Current Money to be paid to the said George his Executors administrators or Assigns on the first day of June next ensuing the date of the same Bill with legal Interest thereon to which payment well and truly to be made the aft.d Thomas and Charles did bind themselves their Heirs Executors and Administrators and the Sum of Two Hundred and Seventy eight pounds Nine Shillings and two pence Current Money firmly by the same Bill and the aft.d George in fact saith that the aforesaid Thomas and Charles or either of them did not pay unto him the said George the aft. sum of One Hundred and Thirty nine pounds four Shillings and two pence Current Money or any part thereof according to the Tenor and Effect of the same Bill (altho to do the same by the same George the said Thomas and Charles the day and Year aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aft.d was required) whereby action hath accrued to the said George to demand and have of the s.d Thomas and Charles the aforesaid penal sum of Two Hundred and Seventy eight pounds Nine Shillings and two pence Current Money Nevertheless the said Thomas and Charles or either of them (altho often required the aforesaid Penal Sum of Two Hundred and Seventy eight pounds Nine Shillings and two pence Current Money or any part thereof to the said George Yet have not paid but the same to him to pay altogether hitherto have refused and still do refuse to the Damage of the said George Two Hundred pounds Current Money and therefore he brings his Suit and Soforth

Robert Goldsborough — Pledges &c.a { John Doe and Richard Roe

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and Sent with the writ which issued in the Plea aforesaid

At which said Third Tuesday of October to wit the day of the same Month Anno Domini 1767 being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ Comes the said George Maxwell by his Attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of the County of Dorchester to whom the said Writ was directed likewise Comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed Vis.t Cepi So Answers Char. Dickinson Sheriff D. Co.ty

And

And they the said Thomas Stapleford and Charles Waters being called upon appear thereupon at the Prayer of the Plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid they the said Thomas Stapleford and Charles Waters are adjudged to give Special Bail to the Action aforesaid And for want thereof is Committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Dorchester County aforesaid who being present here in Court takes charge of him accordingly

And the said Thomas Stapleton and Charles Waters being in Custody of the Sheriff aforesaid Comes and Defends the force and Injury when &c.a and prays a Hearing of the Writing obligatory and the Condition thereof and he hath it in the words following to wit Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Stapleford & Charles Waters of Dorchester County Masters do owe unto George Maxwell of Charles County Merchant the Sum of One hundred and thirty Nine pounds 4/7 Current Money to be paid to the said George Maxwell his Executors Administrators or Assigns on the first day of June next ensuing the date here of with legal Interest thereon to which payment well and truly to be made We bind ourselves Jointly & Severally our heirs Executors and Administrators in the penal Sum of Two hundred and Seventy eight pounds Nine Shillings and two pence Current Money firmly by these presents In Witness whereof We have hereunto set our hands and Seals the 21 day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and sixty seven

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us — John Dickinson

Thos Stapleford (L.S.)

Charles his C Mark Waters (L.S.)

Which being read and heard they the said Thomas Stapleford and Charles Waters so in Custody as aforesaid prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

And the said Thomas Stapleton and Charles Waters (in Custody as aforesaid) comes and files here in Court the following Bail Peice to wit

George Maxwell Plaintiff against Thomas Stapleton and Charles Waters Defendants } You Raymond Stapleford and Edward Stapleford and either of you do undertake for the said Thomas Stapleford Defendant in the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Eight pounds Nine Shillings and two pence Current Money to be Levied on your or either of your Lands and Tenements Goods and Chattles to the use of the said George Maxwell the Plaintiff upon Condition that if the said George Maxwell do obtain Judgment in an Action of