and the day of the return of the foregoing writ comes into the County Court here the said James Ratry by Edward Harwood his attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of anne arundel County aforesaid to wit Benjamin Gaither 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 Benj^a Gaither Shff"

And the said Benjamin Gaither sheriff of anne arundel County aforesaid although solemnly called upon by order of Court here on motion of the said James Ratry by his attorney aforesaid to bring into Court here the body of the said William P Hardesty whom he ought to have here this day in pursuance of the commands of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid brings not into Court here the said William P Hardesty but therein doth make default Whereupon on motion of the said James Ratry by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Benjamin Gaither Sheriff of anne arundel aforesaid be amerced the sum of five shillings current money in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said William P Hardesty on the third monday of september next and the same day is given to the said James Ratry also

At which said third monday of september being the eighteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty comes again into the County Court here the said James Ratry by his attorney aforesaid and the said Benjamin Gaither sheriff of anne arundel County aforesaid in pursuance of the commands of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid and in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid and to save the amerciament aforesaid brings into court here the body of the said William P Hardesty Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the rule and amerciament aforesaid be discharged and stricken out and thereupon on motion of the said James Ratry by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said William P Hardesty give special bail in the plea aforesaid Whereupon a certain John H Tillard of anne arundel County comes here into Court in his own proper person and with the consent of the said James Ratry by his attorney aforesaid becomes pledge and bail for the said William P Hardesty that if it shall happen that the said William P Hardesty shall be convicted at the suit of the said James Ratry in the plea aforesaid then the said John H Tillard consents that as well the debt aforesaid as all such damages cost and charges as shall be adjudged unto the said James Ratry in this behalf shall be made of his body lands and chattels and levied to the use of the said James Ratry if it shall happen that the said William P Hardesty shall not pay the said debt damages cost and charges or render himself to the prison and custody of the sheriff of the County aforesaid on that occasion and thereupon on motion of the said James Ratry by

his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said William P Hardesty answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said James Ratry in the plea aforesaid or judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof and the said William P Hardesty by James Boyle his attorney defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the third monday of april next and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said James Ratry in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted the same day is given to the said James Ratry also

And now here at this day to wit the said third monday of april being the sixteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one until which day the said William P Hardesty had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration of the said James Ratry in the plea aforesaid comes again into the County Court here as well the said James Ratry by John Stephen his attorney as the said William P Hardesty by his attorney aforesaid and the said William P Hardesty by his attorney aforesaid further defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays an hearing of the bill obligatory aforesaid and to him it is read in the words following to wit. May 15 1819 I promise to pay James Ratry or order the sum of seventy dollars current money for value received as witness my hand and seal this second day of January 1819 Wm P Hardesty (Seal) which being read and heard the said William P Hardesty says that the said James Ratry his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not because he says that he the said William P Hardesty did pay unto him the said James Ratry the said sum of seventy dollars current money in the said bill obligatory mentioned with all interest thereon due according to the form and effect of the said bill obligatory and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays judgment if the said James Ratry his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth and the said William P Hardesty by his attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment aforesaid above by him pretended saith that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said James Ratry so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that he owes unto the aforesaid James Ratry the aforesaid sum of seventy dollars current money in such manner and form as the aforesaid James Ratry above against him hath complained nor but that the aforesaid James Ratry hath sustained damage by reason of the detention of the debt aforesaid to the aforesaid sum of three hundred dollars current money in like manner and form as the aforesaid James Ratry within against him hath complained besides his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended and so forth. and hereupon the aforesaid James Ratry by his attorney aforesaid prays judgment for his debt aforesaid so as aforesaid confessed together with his damages so as aforesaid acknowledged as also for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended to him to be adjudged and so forth. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said James Ratry recover against the said William P Hardesty as well the said sum of seventy dollars current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as the said sum of three hundred dollars current money