files in Court a certain writing obligatory commonly called an Appeal bond and which is contained in the following words to wit:

Know all men by these presents that we William H. Slewellin John Slewellin, Gustavus Brown, William H. Howdon and Henry Ellis of Saint Mary's County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Francis Knott of the County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of two thousand Dollars current money to be paid to the said Francis Knott or to his certain attorney his executors administrators or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of us our and every of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly these presents sealed with our seals and dated this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Whereas at a County Court begun and held at Leonard Town in and for Saint Mary's County on the first Monday of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three the above named Francis Knott by the judgment of the said Court recovered against the above bound William H. Slewellin as well the sum of two hundred and ninety five dollars eighty three and two thirds cents current money a certain debt as the sum of three hundred dollars for his damages which he had sustained by reason of the detention of that debt, as also the sum of six dollars seventy eight and one third cents for his costs and charges by him about his suit in that behalf laid out and expended whereof the said William H. Slewellin is convict as it appeareth of record for which said debt damages costs and charges aforesaid the said William H. Slewellin and a certain John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown, on the twenty ninth day of September eighteen hundred and twenty three before William T. Lee and John Long of Jere, two of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland and County aforesaid did confess Judgment to the said Francis Knott the said debt damages costs and charges aforesaid to be levied of their bodies goods and chattels lands or tenements for the use of the said Francis Knott in case the said William H. Slewellin should not pay and satisfy to the said Francis Knott the said debt damages costs and charges on the 29th day of March then next following according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided, which said confession in form aforesaid taken was by the same Justices returned to the said County Court and whereof the said William H. Slewellin, John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown are convict as of record is manifest from which said Judgment so as aforesaid confessed the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown have prayed an Appeal to the next Court of Appeals to be held for the Western shore - Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown shall not pursue the directions of the act of Assembly entitled an act for regulating writs of error and granting appeals from and to the Courts of Common Law within this province at the next Court of Appeals to be held for the Western Shore and prosecute the same appeal with effect and pay and satisfy unto the said Francis Knott his executors administrators or assigns in case the said judgment shall be affirmed as well all and singular the debt damages and costs adjudged by the County Court aforesaid as also all costs and damages that shall be awarded by the said Court of Appeals then this bond to be and remain in full force and virtue, otherwise of no effect.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of John Long of Jere. Dent Blackstone

Wm. H. Slewellin (seal)
John Slewellin (seal)
Gustavus Brown (seal)
Wm. H. Howdon (seal)
Henry Ellis (seal)

Which being read and heard and the securities in the said bond being by the Clerk of the said Court approved the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four - It is therefore ordered by the said — that the record and proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating be transmitted to the said Court of Appeals to be held for the Western Shore and the same are transmitted to the said Court accordingly - Test, J. Harris Clk.

Saint Mary's County to wit; I hereby certify that the aforegoing is truly taken from the record of proceedings of Saint Mary's County Court - In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my official seal this twenty second day of March eighteen hundred and twenty four - J. Harris, Clk. St. Mary's County Ct.

(Seal)

And now come into the Court of Appeals here as well the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown by Raphael Neale their attorney as the said Francis Knott by Clement Dorsey his attorney and thereupon on motion of the said Francis Knott by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown assign the errors in the record of proceedings aforesaid or in the giving the Judgment aforesaid so as aforesaid brought before the Court of Appeals here for correcting the errors supposed to be therein or Judgment by the Court of Appeals here will be entered against them in default thereof. And the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown by their attorney aforesaid say that in the record of proceedings aforesaid and also in the giving of Judgment aforesaid there is manifest error in this to wit, that by the record aforesaid it appears that the Judgment aforesaid in the plea aforesaid given was given for the said Francis Knott against William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown when by the Law of the land that Judgment ought to have been given for the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown against the said Francis Knott. Therefore in that there is manifest error and they pray that the Judgment aforesaid for that error and others being in the record of proceedings aforesaid may be reversed annulled and held entirely as void, and that they the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown may be restored to all things which they have lost by occasion of the said judgment and that the said Francis Knott may rejoin to the errors aforesaid and so forth: And thereupon it is ruled by the Court of Appeals here that the said Francis Knott join in the errors by the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown above assigned in the record of proceedings aforesaid or Judgment by the Court of Appeals here, will be rendered against him in default thereof. And the said Francis Knott by his attorney aforesaid prays that a day may be given to him to join in the error by the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown above assigned in the record of proceedings aforesaid, until the first Monday in December next, and to him it is granted: the same day is also given to the said William H. Slewellin John Slewellin and Gustavus Brown - et