the suit of the said Athinson then the said Shanahan consents that as well the debt aforesaid as costs, and damages costs and charges as shall be adjudged unto the said Athinson in this behalf shall be made of his body land and chattels and levied to the use of the said Athinson, in case the said Martindale shall not pay the said Debt, Damages costs and charges or render himself to the prison of the County of the Sheriff of the County afs. on that occasion. Thereupon the said Athinson by his said attorney prays hand of the Court here to imparle until the next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Martindale then &c. At which said next Court, to wit, on the second Monday of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twelve, until which day the said Athinson had leave to imparle came again into Court here the parties afs. by their attorneys afs. & the said Athinson by his said attorney declares against the said Martindale in the plea afs. as follows, to wit. Talbot County, to wit. Richard Martindale late of Talbot County, Planter was summoned to answer unto Thomas Athinson of a plea that he render unto him the sum of One hundred pounds current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the same Thomas Athinson by Nicholas Hammond his attorney saith that whereas the said Richard Martindale, on the sixteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and eleven at the County afs. by his certain writing obligatory, which sealed with the seal of the said Richard Martindale the said Thomas Athinson here into Court brings the date whereof is the same day and year afs. acknowledged himself to be held & firmly bound unto the said Thomas Athinson in the afs. sum of One hundred pounds current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Thomas Athinson or his assigns when he the said Richard Martindale should be thereto afterwards required, to the payment whereof the said Richard Martindale did bind himself firmly by the said writing. Nevertheless the said Richard Martindale, altho' often thereto required, the sum of money afs. or any part thereof to the said Thomas Athinson, yet hath not paid, but the same to him to pay, hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Thomas Athinson in the sum of two hundred pounds current money, and therefore he brings this suit &c. — And the said Thomas Athinson doth aver, that though it appears by the said writing obligatory as shewed, that one James Parrott also sealed the same, yet the said James Parrott was then and there an infant, under the age of one and twenty years, and therefore the said writing obligatory as to the said James Parrott is null and void and remains firm and single as to the said Richard Martindale &c.

Nicholas Hammond p. Deff. pledges { John Doe & Richard Roe }

The writing obligatory mentioned in the foregoing Declaration is as follows, to wit. "State of Maryland, to wit. Know all men by these presents that we James Parrott, Minor & Richard Martindale of Talbot County planter, are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Athinson of the County and State afs. in the sum of one hundred pounds current money of the State afs., to be paid unto the said Thomas Athinson his heirs or assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves our heirs executors or administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 16th day of July anno Dom 1811. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound James Parrott & Richard Martindale, their Heirs, Executors or administrators, for them or their part & behalf, shall do in all things well and truly stand to, obey abide, observe, perform fulfil & keep the award, order, arbitrament, Judgment final end and determination of James Neale & Thomas Gray of Talbot County respectable Mechanics of Easton, arbitrators indifferently chosen, elected & named as well on the part & behalf of the said Thomas Athinson as of the above named James Parrott & Richard Martindale, to arbitrate end & determine of all manner of dispute action or actions, or cause, & matters of and concerning the Conduct of James Parrott, Minor, & forfeiture of his Indenture, which may appear so always as the award, order, determination, final end & Judgment of for, be made and given up in writing, under their hands & seals of the said arbitrators —

indifferently chosen, ready to be delivered to the said parties in difference, or such of them as shall desire the same, on or before the third day of August next ensuing, then this Obligation to be void, otherwise of of full force and virtue in Law. — James Parrott (Seal) Richd. Martindale (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & delivered, in the presence of The words "James Parrott, Minor" was interlined before signed, between twenty fourth and twenty fifth line. Sal. Neale. Thos. Gray.

The award in the above case, is as follows, to wit. "Sir. I am engaged in treading of wheat to day & has no spare hands, and therefore its out of our power to come to Town this evening; but we will try & come tomorrow. I should suppose notwithstanding, that you could go on with the business. Richd. Martindale the 15th Sept 1811"

The award of the Arbitrators, to wit, James Neale & Thomas Gray, chosen and agreed upon by the parties afs. is in the words and figures following, to wit. "Whereas a Dispute has lon to fore arisen between James Parrott & Richard Martindale his Guardian, & Thomas Athinson all of Talbot County in the State of Maryland concerning the said James Parrott (as an apprentice legally bound) leaving the said Thomas Athinson, his Master, for which conduct the said Thomas Athinson claims a Compensation, and the said James Parrott and Richard Martindale his Guardian, & Thomas Athinson having agreed mutually that all matters in difference between them relative to the said affair in dispute should be submitted, to the arbitrament final end, determination of the Subscribers, and having entered into mutual bonds or Obligations in the penalty of one hundred pounds lawful money of Maryland, thereby binding themselves each to the other to stand to abide, perform and keep the award which the subscribers shall make. Now know ye, that we the Subscribers, having fully examined, & duly considered the proofs, and allegations of both the said parties, do award as follows, that the said James Parrott & Richard Martindale his Guardian shall pay to the said Thomas Athinson, the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars, current money of the State afs. on or before the first day of November next ensuing the date hereof, with legal Interest till paid upon the payment of which sum, the said Thomas Athinson shall sign and deliver to the said James Parrott, and Richard Martindale his Guardian a release in full for all demands or claims whatsoever which might have arisen in consequence of the matters in dispute, submitted to the Arbitrament, decision & award of the Subscribers. And further we do award and direct that all matters in dispute between the said parties as afs. shall end by this award. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty third day of July 1811. Sa. Neale (Seal) Thomas Gray (Seal)

Test Edw. M. Capper. Jno. Johnson —

And thereupon the said Athinson by his said attorney, prays that the said Richard Martindale may answer to the Declaration of him the said Athinson in the plea afs. Whereupon it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Martindale answer to the Declaration of the said Athinson in the plea afs. and if the said Martindale doth not answer to the declaration of the said Athinson in the plea afs. Judgment will be rendered against him by default, and the said Martindale by his said attorney defends the force and injury when &c. & prays hand of the Court here to imparle until the next Court to answer to the Declaration of the said Athinson in the plea afs. and he hath it the same day is given to the said Athinson then &c. At which said next Court, to wit, on the fourth Monday of May in the year Eighteen hundred thirteen, until which day the said Martindale had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration of the said Athinson in the plea afs. comes as well the said Athinson as the said Martindale by their Attorneys afs. and the said Martindale by his said attorney as before defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that he cannot gainsay the action afs. of the said Athinson so as afs. brought against him nor can he deny but the he owes unto the said Athinson the afs. sum of One hundred pounds current money, in manner & form as the said Athinson above against him hath complained; And thereupon the said Athinson prays judgment for his debt so confessed together with his damages which he has sustained as well by reason of the detention of the said Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf