William Thomas whose body I have ready before the said General Court, at the place and on the day specified in the said Writ, as by the same Writ I am commanded, and I further certify that I did on the fifteenth day of June last leave at the place of abode of the said William Thomas, copies of the Declaration and Oyer which were sent to me with the said Writ by the endorsement thereon written I was directed and required — So answers William Moffett Shff of Kent County — And the said William Thomas being called appeared in the said Court by James Scott his Attorney, and thereupon on motion of the said George Dunning by his Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the said late General Court, that the said William Thomas should give special bail in the plea aft — Whereupon the said William Thomas by his Attorney aft filed in the late General Court aforesaid a certain bail piece and which being approved by the said late General Court is in form following viz.

George Dunning plaintiff
vs
William Thomas, defendant

} Now John Ireland and Joseph Mann do jointly & severally acknowledge ourselves special bail for the said William Thomas at the suit of the said George Dunning in an action of debt brought by the said George Dunning against the said William Thomas in the General Court, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this tenth day of September eighteen hundred and fourteen — before Cornelius Comegys, Ephraim Vansant. To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court I hereby constitute and appoint James Scott my attorney and authorise him to appear for me in the General Court to the above suit. W. Thomas

And thereupon on motion of the said George Dunning by his attorney aft it was ruled by the said late General Court that the said William Thomas answer to the Declaration aft, of the said George Dunning in the plea aft, or Judgment by the said late General Court would be rendered against him in default thereof, and the said William Thomas by his attorney aft defended the force and injury when and so forth, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the second Tuesday of April next, and then to answer to the declaration aft, of the said George Dunning in the plea aft and to him it was granted the same day was given to the aft George Dunning also. At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five to which said day the said William Thomas had leave to imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aft of the said George Dunning in the plea aft, came again into the said late General Court the parties aft by their attornies aft, and thereupon on motion of the said George Dunning by his attornies aft it was ruled by the said late General Court that the said William Thomas answer to the Declaration aft of the said George Dunning in the plea aft, or Judgment by the said late General Court would be rendered against him in default thereof, and the said William Thomas by his attorney aft as before defended the force and injury when & wherefore and prayed leave of the said late General Court further to imparle until the second Tuesday of September then next, and then to answer to the Declaration aft of the said George Dunning in the plea aft and it was granted him the same day was given to the aft George Dunning also. At which said second Tuesday in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five came again into the late General Court aforesaid, the parties aft by their attornies aft, and the said William Thomas by his attorney aft, came and defended the force and injury when and so forth, and prayed an hearing of the writing obligatory aft and of the Condition thereof and he hath them in the words and figures following viz.

Know all men by these presents that I William Thomas of Kent County & State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto George Dunning of the County & State aft, in the sum of eight hundred pounds good & lawful money of Maryland to be paid to the said George Dunning or to his certain attorney, heirs, executors & administrators, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal and dated this twenty second day of September

one thousand seven hundred and ninety two 1792. The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden William Thomas or his heirs executors administrators or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named George Dunning his certain attorney executors or administrators the just and full sum of four hundred pounds lawful money aft, on or before the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, commencing reckoning the date hereof, then the above obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full force and virtue in law. William Thomas (Seal) signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Geo Newcomb. Which being read and heard the said William Thomas saith that the said George Dunning his action aft thereof against him to have or maintain ought not, because he said that after the making the writing obligatory aft, to wit, on the seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, at Kent County aft, he the said William Thomas paid to the said George Dunning the sum of four hundred pounds current money in the Condition aft mentioned, with all Interest due thereon, which said sum of money, the said George Dunning then and there received and accepted in full satisfaction & discharge of the said Condition of the writing obligatory aft and of this he puts himself upon the Country and the said George Dunning in like manner and so forth, thereupon further process of the upon the premises aft, between the parties aft by consent of the said parties and their attorneys aft, by order of the said late General Court was further continued until the second Tuesday of April next. Before which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six, the said late General Court of the State of Maryland was abolished by an Act of the General Assembly of the said State, passed at November Session in the year eighteen hundred and five, entitled "An Act to confirm an Act, entitled "An Act to provide for the trial of facts in the several Counties of this State, and to alter change & abolish all such parts of the Constitution and form of Government, as relate to the General Court & Court of Appeals, And whereas by an Act of the same session, of assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the organization and regulation of the Courts of common law, in this State, and for the administration of Justice therein" It was enacted that the late Clerks of the General Court of the respective shores, should carefully and diligently select & assort all the original papers then on the files of the late General Court of the respective shores in the several actions and the plots relating thereto on the several dockets (except the appeal & error Dockets) wherein Judgment had not been obtained, and to make out a fair list of the said suits to which they should respectively belong, and the several Docket entries in such suits with a taxation of the plaintiffs & defendants Costs which had accrued in each, to wait the final event of the cause, and carefully to pack up the same original and other papers belonging to the suits of each respective County, and the said boxes & packages in which the said suits should be respectively enclosed should be immediately forwarded, under the directions of the Governor & Council to the Clerks of the respective Counties who were thereby required & directed to file the said original papers & to docket the same suits upon the Dockets in his said office to which they should respectively belong, and that they should be recorded in the said County Court and the same proceedings should be thereupon had, in said suits as if they had been originally brought in the said County Court. And whereas also at our said County Court, begun & held at the Court house in the Town of Chester in and for the said County on the third Monday of March, being the nineteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and six, James Carl Senior Esquire the Clerk of the said late General Court for the Eastern shore aft, in pursuance of the directions of the above in part recited act of Assembly came into the County Court and delivered to the Clerk of the said Court then, among others the original and other papers relating to this action which were on the files of the late General Court aft, and the several docket entries thereon, together with a taxation of the plaintiffs and defendants Costs which have accrued in the same action, and the same original and other papers were thereupon filed by the Clerk of the County Court aft, & the suit was docketed and entered upon the Dockets of this Court by the Clerk thereof. Whereupon the said