R. R. James Cheston
against
R. P. William Lewis

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit On the twenty fourth day of July Anno domini seventeen hundred and Eighty seven the Plaintiff by Richard Ridgely his Attorney sued out of the Court here the State of Maylands Writ of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Washington County in the words and figures following to wit.

The State of Maryland sc. To the Sheriff of Washington County Greeting We command you that you take William Lewis late of Washington County Coppersmith otherwise called William Lewis of Washington County and State of Mayland if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his Body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October next to answer unto James Cheston of a plea that he render unto him the sum of Eight hundred and twelve pounds two shillings and Nine pence half penny current Money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this Writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 25 day of May anno domini 1787.

Thos B Hodgkin Clk

Issued this 24th day of July 1787. R Ridgely.

And the said James Cheston by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the said William Lewis in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Western shore of Maryland, Washington County to wit William Lewis late of Washington County Coppersmith otherwise called William Lewis of Washington County and State of Mayland was summoned to answer unto James Cheston of a plea that he render unto him the Sum of Eight hundred and twelve pounds two shillings and nine pence half penny current Money which to him he owes and unjustly detain and so forth And whereupon the said James by Richard Ridgely his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid William on the twelfth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty six at Baltimore County aforesaid by his certain Writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said James in the aforesaid Sum of Eight hundred and twelve pounds two shillings and nine pence half penny current Money to be paid to the said James when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Jacob (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid Sum of Eight hundred and twelve pounds two shillings and nine pence half penny specie Money to the said James has not rendered or paid but the same to

him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the Value of Eight hundred pounds specie Money aforesaid and therefore he brings Suit and so forth And brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid William which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth

R Ridgely for the plaintiff — pledges and so forth John Doe and Richard Roe

And the aforesaid William by his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth and praying an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath them as follows to wit

Know all Men by these presents that I William Lewis of Hagers Town Washington County Maryland Coppersmith am held and firmly bound unto James Cheston of Baltimore County Merchant in the full and just Sum of Eight hundred and twelve pound two shillings and nine pence half penny current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said James Cheston or his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Executors administrators and every of them firmly by these presents Sealed with my seal Dated this twelfth day of October Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six

The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound William Lewis do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said James Cheston or his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just Sum of Four hundred and six pound one shilling and four pence three farthings specie of Maryland aforesaid at or upon the first day of February next ensuing the date hereof, with legal Interest for the same; then the above obligation to void and of none effect else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law

Sealed and delivered in presence of } William Lewis (seal)

Ag.a Brown

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Oyer was made and sent with the Writ which Issued in the plea aforesaid

And now here at this day to wit the said second tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same Month Anno domini seventeen hundred and Eighty seven and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes the aforesaid James Cheston by his Attorney aforesaid And the Sheriff of Washington County to whom the same Writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. Cepie and Copy left August the 4th 1787. Adam Ott Shff.