And the aforesaid George Wells by Zebulon Hollingsworth his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid, the Condition the Oath and Assignment aforesaid and he hath them as follow to wit —

Know all Men by these presents, that we George Wells Senior and George Wells Junior both of Baltimore Town and County are held and firmly bound unto Robert Ballard of the same place in the full and just sum of One hundred and thirty six pounds current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said Robert Ballard his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this third day of September Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty three — The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden George Wells Senior and George Wells Junior do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Robert Ballard his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just and free sum of Sixty eight pounds like Money with legal Interest from the twenty seventh day of June last on or before the twenty seventh day of December One thousand seven hundred and eighty four, then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Vertue in Law —

Signed, Sealed & Delivered In presence of John Bary } George Wells Senr. (Seal) George Wells Junr (Seal)

June 25th 1785. Baltimore Ss. Then came the within mentioned Robert Ballard before me the subscriber and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God made oath that he hath received no part of the sum mentioned in the within Obligation except the sum of forty Shillings endorsed —

Sworn before Andrew Buchanan

June 25th 1785. For value received I Assign and Transfer unto John Burgess all my right, title and Interest of in and to the within Obligation and the money thereby due — As Witness my hand and seal —

Robert Ballard (Seal)

And the said George Wells Junior by his said Attorney produces to the Court now here the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus Closed in the words and figures following viz.

The State of Maryland ss. To the Justices and Sheriff of Baltimore County, Greeting. Whereas George Wells Junior

is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain John Bayliss Assignee of Robert Ballard in a plea of Debt and so forth, which said plea still remains before you our said Justices undetermined as it said and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court — Do therefore command you that you have the Body of the said George Wells Junior by whatsoever named he be called in the plea aforesaid together with the day and cause of his caption and detainer and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next that our said Judges being rightly informed of the truth of the premises may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth and have you then and there this Writ — Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 25th day of May Anno Domini 1787 —

Issued 20th day of August 1787 — Z. Hollingsworth, Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk —

Whereupon the Proceedings aforesaid are ordered to be transmitted accordingly —

Seal of Balt. County Court

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of Office this eleventh day of September Seventeen hundred and eighty seven —

William Gibson Clk. B. Cty.

At which aforementioned second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, come into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid John Burgess Assignee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said George Wells Junior by his Attorney aforesaid; And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid John Burgess Assignee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said George Wells Junior answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid John Burgess Assignee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said George Wells Junior by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to Imparle unto the Second Tuesday of May next, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid John Burgess Assignee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Plaintiff also —

At which said Second Tuesday of May being the Thirteenth day of the same Month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand