At which Mentioned second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month, in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Plaintiffs by their attorney aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County aforesaid, to wit, John Cartwright, Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit —

Cepi — 5 day Sept. John Cartwright Shff.

And the said Defendants by John Allen Thomas their Attorney appear in Court here, And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Plaintiffs by their attorney aforesaid, It is Ruled by the Court here, that the said Defendants give special Bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said Defendants by their Attorney aforesaid file in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit —

Christopher Robinson
Robert Sanderson &c
John Rumney
vs
Charles Chitton &
Vernon Hebb.

} You Henry Watts and Wilson Thornton do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Charles Chitton and Vernon Hebb at the suit of the said Christopher Robinson, Robert Sanderson and John Rumney in an action of Debt brought by the said Christopher Robinson, Robert Sanderson and John Rumney against the said Charles Chitton and Vernon Hebb in the General Court, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith, this 5th day of September 1788 —

Before us Henry Briscoe
John A Thomas for the Defendants } B. Tabbs

To the Honorable Judges of General Court —

And the aforesaid Plaintiffs by their attorney aforesaid, declare against the aforesaid Defendants in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit —

Western Shore of Maryland, to wit; Vernon Hebb of Saint Mary's County Gentleman otherwise called Vernon Hebb of Saint Mary's County, and Charles Chitton late of Saint Mary's County Gentleman otherwise called Charles Chitton of Saint Mary's County were attached to answer unto Christopher Robinson, Robert Sanderson and John Rumney in a plea of Trespass on the case &c. And Whereupon the said Christopher Robinson Robert Sanderson and John Rumney by Philip B. Key their Attorney complain that whereas a certain Henry Watts and Sarah Watts being persons holding, trading, Merchandizing and using Commerce within this State, to wit, at Saint Mary's County aforesaid, did on the Thirtieth day of July in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty six at the County aforesaid according to the usage and Custom of Merchants

time out of mind used and approved, make and with their own proper hands subscribe their certain Bill of Exchange in writing, and the same Bill directed to a certain William Watts Merchant at Workington near Whitehaven in the Kingdom of Great Britain, and by the said Bill the said Henry and Sarah directed the same William at Sixty days sight of that their second Bill of Exchange, first and third of same Tenor and Date not paid, to pay unto a certain Charles Chitton or Order the sum of Two hundred pounds Sterling Money value received and place the same to account of the said Henry and Sarah and the aforesaid Charles Chitton, to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid by his Indorsement on the said Bill of Exchange made and with his proper hand subscribed according to the usage and Custom of Merchants all the time aforesaid used and approved, ordered the said William to pay the Contents of the said Bill of Exchange to certain Merchants known by the name and firm of Hebb, Chitton & Co the aforesaid Charles then and still residing, trading and using Merchandize within this State, to wit, at the County aforesaid, and the aforesaid Hebb, Chitton and Co afterwards, to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid, by the name and firm of Hebb, Chitton and Co by their Indorsement on the said Bill of Exchange made and subscribed with their proper hands, according to the usage and Custom of Merchants, ordered the said William to pay the Contents of the Bill of Exchange aforesaid to a certain Christopher Robinson, Robert Sanderson and John Rumney or Order, the said Hebb, Chitton and Co then being and still continuing, Merchandizing and using Commerce at the County aforesaid, which said Bill of Exchange subscribed and directed as aforesaid, with the several Indorsements aforesaid was afterwards, to wit, on the fourth day of December seventeen hundred and eighty six as aforesaid by the Order and for the use of the said Christopher Robinson, Robert Sanderson, and John Rumney exhibited and shewn unto the said William at Workington aforesaid, and the said William was then and there by virtue of the several Indorsements aforesaid requested to pay the said Bill to the Order and for the use of the said Christopher Robinson Robert Sanderson and Rumney but the said William then and there refused and always hitherto hath refused to pay the said Bill or Contents thereof or any part thereof to the Order and for the use aforesaid, By reason whereof the said Bill of Exchange afterwards to wit the day and year aforesaid according to the usage and Custom of Merchants, the aforesaid William before that time having had Sixty days sight thereof, to wit, from the 4th day of December then last past at Workington aforesaid (and the first nor third Bills of the same Tenor and date not being paid) was protested, whereof the said Hebb,