he has the body of the said Stephen West here next Court

At which said next Court to wit the second tuesday of May being the ninth day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and Eighty six comes into Court here the aforesaid James Davidson by his attorney aforesaid, and the said Sheriff being called upon to bring into Court the body of the said Stephen West according to the tenor of the annercement last aforesaid brings him in Thereupon it is Ordered that the annercement be struck out.

And the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid being called upon appears, and at the prayer of the said James Davidson by his attorney aforesaid the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid is Adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid Whereupon a certain Charles Beatty of Montgomery County, Gentleman present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid that in case the said James Davidson shall recover Judgment against the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid or that the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid shall be therein legally convict that then the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid shall pay the Condemnation of the Court; thereupon or render his body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Prince Georges County in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Charles Beatty will do the same for him.

And the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid by Samuel Chase his attorney defends the wrong and Injury when-andsoforth and prays leave to Imparle herein untill next Court and he hath it, and the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit the tenth day of October anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty six, comes again as well the said James Davidson by his attorney aforesaid as the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid. — And the said James Davidson by his said attorney declared against the said Stephen West surviving partner as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit —

Western Shore State of Maryland Prince Georges County to wit, Stephen West surviving partner of John Hobson deceased was attached to answer unto James Davidson of a plea of Trespass upon the case andsoforth, And whereupon the said James by Gabriel



Duvall his attorney complains that whereas the said Stephen West and John Hobson whom the said Stephen hath survived being partners and joint dealers in the City of London in Prince Georges County aforesaid in the life time of the said John Hobson on the tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight accounted together with the said James Davidson concerning divers sums of Money before that time due and unpaid by the said Stephen and John to the said James and the said Stephen and John were upon the said Account then and there found in Arrear to the said James in the sum of two hundred pounds sterling Money of Great Britain and the said Stephen and John being so found in arrear in Consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same tenth day of February in the year last aforesaid at London aforesaid undertook and then and there faithfully promised the said James that they the said Stephen and John would well and truly pay the said Sum of Two hundred pounds Sterling Money to the said James when they the said Stephen and John should be thereunto requested, And whereas also the said Stephen West and John Hobson whom the said Stephen West hath survived in the life time of the said John being partners and joint dealers to wit in the City of London aforesaid and being persons trading and using commerce at the place aforesaid on the tenth day of February in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy eight aforesaid, and being indebted to the said James on balance of Account in the Sum of two hundred pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain the said James being then a person residing trading and using commerce in London aforesaid made a certain bill of Exchange subscribed with the proper hand writing of the said James according to the custom of Merchants from time immemorial used and approved, and the same bill bearing date the same day and year above said then and there directed to the said Stephen West and John Hobson by the name and discription of Messrs. West and Hobson Merchants London and by the same bill the said James requested the said Stephen and John three months after date thereof to pay to his own order the said Sum of two hundred pounds Value received which said bill of Exchange afterwards to wit on the thirteenth day of May in the year last aforesaid was exhibited and shewn to the said Stephen and John at London aforesaid and they the said Stephen and John upon sight thereof accepted the same according to the said Custom, and by reason of the premises and according to the said custom and the law of Merchants the said Stephen and John became liable to pay to the said James the said sum of Money specified in the said bill according to the tenor and effect of the said bill and their said acceptance thereof, and being so liable the said Stephen and John in the life time of the said John in consideration thereof afterwards to wit