and the same note to one Oliver Templeton then and there did deliver by which note the said Henry Stevenson promised to pay to the said Oliver Templeton by the name of Mr Oliver Templeton merchant or order the sum of one hundred pieces of Gold called Guineas with legal Interest for Value received by reason whereof and also by force of the statute in such case made and provided the said Henry Stevenson became liable and chargeable to pay to the said Oliver Templeton or his order the same sum of one hundred Guineas according to the tenor and effect of the same Note and the said Oliver Templeton after the making of the said Note and before the said sum mentioned in the said note or any part thereof was paid to him - to wit the same day and year last mentioned at the County aforesaid endorsed the said note with his own proper hand thereto subscribed and by the said indorsment appointed the contents of the said note to be paid to the said John Pringle or his order for Value received and for that purpose the said Oliver Templeton did then and there deliver the said note so - indorsed to the said John Pringle whereof the said Henry Stevenson afterwards to wit the same day and year last mentioned at Baltimore County aforesaid had notice and by reason thereof and also by force of the statute in such case made and provided the said Henry Stevenson became chargeable to pay to the said John Pringle the said sum of one hundred Guineas in the aforesaid note mentioned according to the tenor of the same note and the indorsement thereon, and being so chargeable the said Henry Stevenson in consideration thereof afterwards to wit the same day and year last - mentioned at Baltimore County aforesaid undertook and to the said John Pringle then and there faithfully promised that he the said Henry Stevenson would well and truly content and pay to the said John Pringle the aforesaid sum of one hundred Guineas in the aforesaid note mentioned according to the tenor and effect of the same note and indorsement, And the said John Pringle in fact says that the aforesaid sum of one hundred Guineas in the aforesaid note mentioned at the time of making and delivering the said note and the indorsement thereon as aforesaid and long before were and now are of the Value of one hundred and seventy five pounds current money of Maryland to wit at Baltimore County aforesaid whereof the said Henry Stevenson then and there had notice. Nevertheless the said Henry Stevenson not regarding his promise and undertaking aforesaid in form aforesaid made but contriving and fraudulently intending the said - John Pringle in this behalf craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud hath not paid the aforesaid one hundred pieces of Gold called Guineas in the aforesaid note mentioned or any part thereof or the Value thereof to the said John Pringle (altho' to do the same by the said John Pringle the said Henry Stevenson on the fifth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three and often afterwards at the County aforesaid was required) but the same or any part thereof or the Value thereof to the said John Pringle to render or pay he the said Henry Stevenson hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said John Pringle five hundred pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

Arch.ld Robinson Atty for Plff. Pledges to prosecute { John Doe and Richard Roe

A Copy of ~~affixed~~ aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

And

And now here at this day to wit the said second tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes the aforesaid John Pringle by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the same writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

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And the said Henry Stevenson being called upon appears, and at the prayer of the aforesaid John Pringle by his Attorney aforesaid, the said Henry Stevenson is adjudged to give Special Bail to the Action aforesaid. Thereupon the said Henry Stevenson by Samuel Chase his Attorney files in Court here the following Bail piece to wit

John Pringle
against
Henry Stevenson

You Thomas Yates and Charles Myers jointly and severally Acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for Henry Stevenson at the suit of John Pringle in an Action of Debt brought by the said John Pringle against the said Henry Stevenson in the General Court for the Western Shore to be held in the City of Annapolis the second tuesday in May instant, they Acknowledge - themselves content therewith this 13th day of May seventeen hundred and eighty eight

Acknowledged before Tho: Russell
Geo: Gould.th Presbury

I impower authorise and Appoint Samuel Chase Esquire to appear for me in the above Action, Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of May seventeen hundred & eighty eight.

Witness, Tho: Russell. Henry Stevenson (Seal)

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.

And the said Henry Stevenson by Samuel Chase his said Attorney defends the wrong and injury when and so forth, and prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit the fourteenth day of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the said John Pringle by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Henry Stevenson by his Attorney aforesaid.

And the said Henry Stevenson by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the wrong and injury when and so forth, and saith that he the said Henry did not assume upon himself in manner and form as the aforesaid John above against him the said Henry hath declared, and of this he puts himself upon the Country.

And the said Henry with the leave of the Court here and according to the form of the statute in such case made and provided further defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said John his Action aforesaid against him the said Henry to have or maintain ought not because he saith that the original writ of him the said John in this cause was first issued on the day of in the year one - thousand seven hundred and and that he the said Henry did not assume upon himself at any time within three years next before the day of the issuing the original writ of him the said John in this cause in manner and form as the said John above against him the said Henry hath complained, and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the said John his Action aforesaid against him the said Henry to have and maintain ought and so forth.

And