Whereas Abraham Faw is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Francis Mantz in a plea of Debt and so forth which said plea still remains before you our said Justices undetermined as it is 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 Abraham Faw by whatsoever name 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 May 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 9th day of October Anno Domini 1787.

Sho. B. Hodgkin Clk.

Issued the 15th day of November 1787. (B. Johnson)

Which being read and heard is allowed of and it is ordered by the Court that the proceedings in the action aforesaid together with all things thereunto relating be forthwith transmitted accordingly

Test William Ritchie Clk.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy of the Record and proceedings in the Action aforesaid I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the publick seal of Frederick County Court

(Seal of Frederick County Court)

William Ritchie Clk.

* And the said Francis Mantz by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the said Abraham Faw in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Western Shore of Maryland and Frederick County to wit, Abraham Faw late of Frederick County Gentleman otherwise called Abraham Faw of Frederick Town & County in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Francis Mantz in a plea that he render unto him the sum of eighty five pounds current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth And whereupon the aforesaid Francis by Richard Potts his Attorney saith that whereas the said Abraham on the eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three at Frederick County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Francis in the sum of eighty five pounds specie to be paid to him when afterwards he should be thereunto required, And the said Francis in fact saith that the said sum of eighty five pounds specie was on the day of the date of the writing obligatory aforesaid always since hath been and now is of the Value of the aforesaid sum of eighty five pounds current money to wit at Frederick County aforesaid Nevertheless the said Abraham although often afterwards thereunto required the aforesaid sum of eighty five pounds specie or the Value thereof in current money or any part thereof or of the Value thereof to him the said Francis hath not contented or paid but the same sum of specie or the Value thereof in current money or any part thereof or of the Value thereof to him the said Francis to content or pay the said Abraham hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse whereby the said Francis saith he is injured and hath damage to the Value of eighty pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid

* At which said second tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight came here into our general Court as well the said Francis Mantz by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Abraham Faw by his Attorney aforesaid. And the said Francis Mantz by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the said Abraham Faw in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Abraham which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Richard Potts for the Plaintiff.

Pledges and so forth. { John Doe & Richard Roe

Oyer of the writing obligatory in Declaration aforesaid mentioned and of the condition thereof follows.

Know all Men by these presents, that I Abraham Faw of Frederick Town & County in the State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Francis Mantz of the Town County & State aforesaid in the full and just sum of eighty five pounds specie to be paid unto the said Francis Mantz or to his certain Attorney executors administrators or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself, my heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated eighteenth day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Abraham Faw do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid, unto the said Francis Mantz or to his certain Attorney executors Administrators, or assigns, the just and full sum of forty two pounds ten shillings specie on demand with legal interest for the same, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and Virtue in law

Signed sealed and Delivered in the presence of } A. Faw (Seal)
Michael Hyslear, Samuel Pinnebacker }

And the said Abraham Faw by his Attorney aforesaid comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court 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 second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight, come again here into our General Court as well the said Francis Mantz by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Abraham Faw by his Attorney aforesaid.

And the said Abraham Faw by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the said Francis Mantz his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c because he saith that he the said Abraham Faw did pay unto the said Francis Mantz the said sum of Money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said writing obligatory and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Francis Mantz his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c.

And the said Francis Mantz saith that he by any thing by the said Abraham Faw above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said Abraham Faw hath not paid unto him the said Francis Mantz the said sum of Money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said Abraham Faw above by pleading hath alledged, and of this he prays may be inquired of by the Country and the aforesaid Abraham Faw in like manner &c. so forth.

Therefore let a Jury thereupon appear before the Judges of our General Court here on the

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