Henry Ridgely of Ann arundel county in the province of Maryland, if he shall be found in your bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the city of Annapolis on the second tuesday in May next, to answer unto Philip Richard Fendall administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of John Buchanan deceased at the time of his death who died intestate as it is said, of a plea, that he render unto him the sum of seven thousand one hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain of the value of eleven thousand nine hundred and twenty five pounds thirteen shillings and four pence current money of Maryland, which from him he unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ, Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 19th day of November Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the 11th day of March 1788. R Potts. Thomas B. Hodgkin Clk

And the said Philip Richard Fendall administrator as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid declares against the said Henry Ridgely in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Western Shore of Maryland and Ann arundel county to wit. Henry Ridgely late of Ann arundel county gentleman, otherwise called Henry Ridgely of Ann arundel county in the province of Maryland, was summoned to answer unto Philip Richard Fendall administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of John Buchanan deceased at the time of his death who died intestate, as it is said, of a plea, that he render unto him the sum of seven thousand one hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain of the value eleven thousand nine hundred and twenty five pounds thirteen shillings and four pence current money of Maryland, which from him he unjustly detains and so forth. — And whereupon the said Philip by Richard Potts his attorney saith, that whereas the aforesaid Henry Ridgely on the eighteenth day of November in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight at Ann arundel county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John Buchanan in his life time in the aforesaid sum of seven thousand one hundred and fifty five eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain, to be paid unto the said John Buchanan when afterwards he should be thereunto required, And the said Philip in fact saith, that the aforesaid sum of seven thousand one hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain was on the day of the date of the writing obligatory aforesaid always since hath been and now is of the value of eleven thousand nine hundred and twenty five pounds thirteen shillings and four pence current money of Maryland to wit, at Ann arundel county aforesaid, Nevertheless the aforesaid Henry Ridgely the said sum of seven thousand one hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain or the value thereof in current money of Maryland or any part thereof to the said John Buchanan in his life time or to the said Philip Richard Fendall since his death (to which said Philip Richard Fendall administration of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said John Buchanan at the time of his death, was after the death of him the said John Buchanan in due form of law committed) although often thereunto requested hath not contented or paid, but the same to him the said John Buchanan in his life time or to the said Philip Richard

Richard Fendall since the death of him the said John Buchanan to content or pay, he the said Henry Ridgely hath hitherto altogether refused and to the said Philip still doth refuse, and unjustly detain, Wherefore the said Philip saith, he is the worse and hath damage to the value of ten thousand pounds current money aforesaid, and in delay of the execution of the administration aforesaid, and therefore he brings suit and so forth, And the said Philip brings here into Court, as well the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Henry Ridgely and bearing date the day and year first aforesaid, as the letters of administration aforesaid which the Commission of the administration aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth and so forth.

Richard Potts for the Plaintiff, Pledges and so forth. { John Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of the writing obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and the Condition thereof follows, to wit

Maryland Set Know all Men by these presents, that I Henry Ridgely of Ann arundel county in the province of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto John Buchanan of London merchant in the full and just sum of seven thousand one hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said John Buchanan his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns, to the 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 this eighteenth day of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Henry Ridgely do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Buchanan his certain attorney executors or administrators or assigns the just and full sum of three thousand five hundred and seventy seven pounds fourteen shillings sterling money of Great Britain at or upon the day of next ensuing the date hereof with legal interest for the same then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Witness Saml. Buchanan. John Buffen. H. Ridgely (Seal)

Indorsement on the Bond.

Whereas the within bound Henry Ridgely has shipped a quantity of tobacco and remitted sundry Bills and orders since July 1768. not accounted for in the within Bond, it is therefore hereby intended & promised that all payments either in remittances or consignments of tobacco made by the said Henry Ridgely since the receipt of his account current from the said John Buchanan, bearing date at London May 20th 1768. Balance then due to John Buchanan exclusive of and interest £3277. 14. are to be applied to the discharge of the within Bond, as likewise all payments he may hereafter make until the said Bond, both principal and interest be fully satisfied and paid. Witness my hand this eighteenth day of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight

Witness John Buffen, For my father Mr. John Buchanan, Saml. Buchanan.

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration, Bond and Indorsement was made and sent with the writ, which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which said second tuesday in May to wit, the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes here into our General Court, the said Philip Richard

Fendall