The State of Maryland Set. To the sheriff of Harford county Greeting. We command you that you take Joseph Dyer late of Harford county farmer otherwise called Joseph Dyer of Harford county in the State 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 John Fowood in a plea, that he render unto him the sum of two hundred pounds currentmoney of Maryland, which to him he owes, and from him 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 18th day of April 1788. (R. Potts) Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk.

And the said John Fowood by his attorney aforesaid, declares against the said Joseph Dyer in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit,

Western Shore of Maryland and Harford county to wit, Joseph Dyer late of Harford county farmer, otherwise called Joseph Dyer of Harford county in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto John Fowood in a plea, that he render unto him the sum of two hundred pounds currentmoney of Maryland, which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth, — And whereupon the said John by Richard Potts his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Joseph on the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three at Harford county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said John Fowood in the sum of two hundred pounds current gold and silver coin, to be paid to him the said John when afterwards he the said Joseph Dyer should be thereunto required, and the said John in fact saith, that the aforesaid sum of two hundred pounds current gold and silver coin was on the day of the date of the writing obligatory aforesaid always since hath been, and now is of the value of the said sum of two hundred pounds current money of Maryland to wit at Harford county aforesaid, Nevertheless the said Joseph Dyer although often afterwards thereunto required the aforesaid sum of two hundred pounds current gold or silver coin or the value thereof in currentmoney of Maryland or any part thereof or of the value thereof to him the said John Fowood hath not contented or paid but the same sum of two hundred pounds currentgold or silver coin or the value thereof in current money of Maryland or any part thereof or of the value thereof to him the said John Fowood to content or pay the said Joseph Dyer hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse whereby the said John Fowood saith, he is the worse and hath damage to the value of one hundred and ninety pounds currentmoney of Maryland, and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid — sealed with the seal of the said Joseph Dyer which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Richard Potts for the Plff

Pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe.

Copy of the writing obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned and the — Condition thereof, follow, to wit,

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Dyer of Harford county in the State

State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto John Fowood of the same place in the just and full sum of two hundred pounds current gold and silver coin; to be paid to the said John Fowood, or his certain attorney heirs executors administrators or assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three. 1783. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Joseph Dyer his heirs executors or administrators, do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named John Fowood his heirs executors administrators or assigns the sum of one hundred pounds current gold and silver coin as above at or before the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, with lawful interest to commence from and after the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, and that without fraud covin or further delay, then the above obligation to be void, and of none effect, or otherwise to stand and remaining in full force and virtue in law. —

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of. Ed Sprigg, Stephen Hill, Henry Cooper. } Joseph Dyer (Seal)

A Copy of which a foregoing Declaration and Bond 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 John Fowood by his attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Harford county to whom the same writ was made and directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

Cepi, 1st May 1788. R. Amos. Shff

And the said sheriff, although solemnly called, to bring into Court, the body of the said Joseph Dyer according to the return of the writ aforesaid, brings him not in, but makes default, Whereupon it is adjudged, that the said sheriff be amerced the debt and costs, unless he has the body of the said Joseph Dyer here, on the second tuesday in October next, —

At which said second tuesday in October to wit, the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, comes again here into our General Court, the said John Fowood by his attorney aforesaid, And the said sheriff being called upon to bring into Court the body of the said Joseph Dyer according to the return of the writ aforesaid, brings him in, Therefore it is adjudged, that the amercement aforesaid be struck out. And the said Joseph Dyer being called appears, and at the prayer of the said John Fowood by his attorney aforesaid, the said Joseph Dyer is adjudged to give special Bail to the action aforesaid: Whereupon the said Joseph Dyer by Zebulon Hollingsworth his attorney files in — Court here the following Bail piece to wit,

John Fowood use of Archibald Campbell vs. Joseph Dyer. —	You William Jenkins and John Taylor do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Joseph Dyer at the suit of the said John Fowood for the use of Archibald Campbell in an action of debt brought by the said John Fowood for the use of Archibald Campbell against the said Joseph Dyer in the General Court to May Term seventeen hundred and eighty eight. They acknowledge themselves to be content

therewith