At which said second tuesday in May court, the ninth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, come into our General Court here, the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell sen^r. John Campbell Junr. Alexander Low and William Ingram by their attornies aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Charles 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, Bail piece. Francis Ware, Sheriff

And the said George Dent Junr. being called, appears, and at the prayer of the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by their attornies aforesaid, the said George Dent Junior is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid, whereupon the said George Dent Junior by Michael Jenifer Stone his attorney files in Court here the following Bail piece to wit

James Gordon & others.
v.
George Dent Junior.

You Col^o John H. Stone of Charles county, do acknowledge yourself special bail for the said George Dent Junior at the suit of the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram in an action of debt brought by the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior Alexander Low, and William Ingram against the said George Dent Junior in the General Court of the State of Maryland, you and each of you do acknowledge yourselves to be content therewith this first day of May 1786. Before. Walter Hanson. Richd Barnes

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court, of the State of Maryland.

I hereby authorize and empower Michael Jenifer Stone Esquire to appear me as my attorney in the above suit. Geo: Dent.

And the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here, to imparle until the second tuesday in October next; and to him it is granted; and the same day is given, to the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram also.

At which said second tuesday in October court, the tenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, come again into our General Court here as well, the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by their attornies aforesaid, as the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid. And the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid, as before, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays the Court here, that the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram may be adjudged to give security for costs, in case the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram, shall happen to be nonsuited in the plea aforesaid: whereupon it is ruled by the Court here, that the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram shall give security for the costs of suit aforesaid; Thereupon a certain Robert Ferguson of Charles county, present in Court here in his proper person, and undertakes for the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram, that in case the said James Gordon Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram in the plea aforesaid shall be

be nonsuited or from maintaining their action aforesaid shall be precluded, then the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, and William Ingram, all such costs, which unto the said George Dent Junior, by the Court here shall be adjudged unto him the said George Dent Junior, about his defence in this behalf sustained, shall pay, or that the said Robert Ferguson will do the same for him. — And the said George Dent by his attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday in May next, and to him it is granted, and the same day is given, to the said James Gordon Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram also

At which said second tuesday in May court, the eighth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, come again into our General Court here as well the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell Senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, and William Ingram, by their attornies aforesaid, as the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid. — And the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid as before, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays further leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday in October next; and to him it is granted, and the same day is given to the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, and William Ingram also.

At which said second tuesday in October court, the ninth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, come again into our General Court here, as well the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram, by their attornies aforesaid, as the said George Dent Junior by Michael Jenifer Stone his attorney And the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays further leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday in May next; and to him it is granted, and the same day is given to the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, and William Ingram also.

At which said second tuesday in May court, the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, come again into our General Court here as well the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by their attornies aforesaid, as the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid. And the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by their attorney aforesaid declare against the said George Dent Junior the plea aforesaid, as follows to wit. —

State of Maryland, Western Shore, and Charles county to wit, George Dent Junior late of Charles county planter, otherwise called George Dent Junior of Charles county, and Province of Maryland planter, was summoned to answer unto James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram in a plea that he render to them the sum of seven hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and ten pence common currency of the value of the like sum of current money of Maryland, which from them he unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior Alexander Low, and William Ingram by Thomas Jenings their attorney say, that Whereas the aforesaid George Dent Junior on the thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy five at Charles county aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John

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