Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram, and one John Glassford, now deceased in the life time of the said John Glassford (whom the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe and William Ingram have survived) by the names of John Glassford and company in the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and ten pence common currency to be paid to them the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junr. Alexander Low and William Ingram, and John Glassford, by the names of John Glassford and company, when afterwards he should be thereunto required, and the aforesaid James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram in fact say that the said sum of common currency was on the day of the date of the writing obligatory aforesaid always since hath been and now is of the value of the like sum of current money of Maryland, towit at Charles county aforesaid, Nevertheless the said George Dent although often thereunto required, hath not rendered or paid, the said sum of seven hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and ten pence common currency or the value thereof in current money or any part thereof or of the value thereof to them the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low, William Ingram and John Glassford, or either of them in the life time of the said John Glassford, nor hath he the said George Dent rendered or paid the said sum of money, or any part thereof or the value thereof or any part of the value thereof to the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram or either of them since the decease of the said John Glassford (whom they the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior Alexander Lowe and William Ingram have survived) but the said sum of seven hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and ten pence common currency or any part thereof, or the value thereof or any part of the value thereof to the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram and John Glassford, or either of them in the life time of the said John Glassford, and since his decease to the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram, to render or pay, he the said George Dent hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore they the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram, say they are the worse, and have damage to the value of seven hundred pounds current money, and therefore they bring suit, and so forth, and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid George Dent, which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth,

Pledges and so forth. { John Doe and Richard Roe.

Thomas Jennings for the Plaintiff

And the said George Dent Junior by his attorney aforesaid, do before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and the Condition thereof, and he hath them in the words and figures following towit

Know all Men by these presents, that I George Dent Junior of Charles county & Province of Maryland planter am held and firmly bound unto John Glassford and

Company

Company, for dealings at their Store in Port-Tobacco, in the full and just sum of seven hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings & ten pence common currency, to be paid unto the said John Glassford and company, their 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 thirteenth day of March Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and seventy five. — The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound George Dent Junior do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the above John Glassford and company, their certain attorney, executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of three hundred & seventy four pounds two shillings & five pence money aforesaid, at or upon the — day of with legal interest for the same; then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of } Geo: Dent Jun: (Seal)
Will. Smith. James Coats. —

Which being read and heard the said Charles saith that, the said Plaintiffs their action aforesaid against him to have and maintain ought not because he saith that after the making of the writing obligatory aforesaid and before the impetration of the original writ in this cause towit, on the day of in the year seventeen hundred and seventy he the said George did pay to the said John Glassford and Company in the said writing obligatory named the said sum of three hundred and seventy four pounds two shillings and five pence current money in the said condition specified with legal interest thereon according to the form and effect of the aforesaid Condition towit at Charles county aforesaid, and this the said George is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Plaintiffs their action aforesaid against him, to have or maintain ought and so forth. — And the said George by his attorney aforesaid comes and further defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith, that the said Plaintiffs their action aforesaid against him the said George to have and maintain ought not because he saith, he doth not owe to the said Plaintiffs the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and ten pence current money or any penny or part thereof in manner and form as the said Plaintiffs against him have declared, and of this he puts himself upon the country and so forth. And the said George with leave of the Court here and according to the Statute in such case lately made and provided comes by his said attorney and further defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith, that the said Plaintiffs their action aforesaid against the said George to have and maintain ought not because he saith, that the said Plaintiffs and the said John Glassford whom they survived on the fourth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, became and were subjects of the king of Great Britain, and alien enemies to the State of Maryland and the other united States of America, and the said John Glassford always during his life time afterwards continued a british subject and alien enemy as aforesaid and the said Plaintiffs always since the day and year aforesaid have continued subjects of the king of Great Britain and alien enemies to this and the other united States of America, and the said Plaintiffs still are subjects to the king of Great Britain and alien enemies as aforesaid and this the said George is ready to verify wherefore the said George prays Judgment if the said Plaintiffs their action against him to have or maintain ought and so forth. And the said George by his attorney aforesaid comes and with leave of the Court here further

defends