nineteen shillings currentmoney, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and soforth
And whereupon the said Nathan Griffith by Henry Ridgely his attorney saith that
whereas the said Richard on the twenty fourth day of July in the year seventeen hundred
and eighty six, at Baltimore county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory —
acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Nathan in the
aforesaid sum of two hundred and forty eight pounds nineteen shillings currentmoney
to be paid unto him the said Nathan when afterwards he the said Richard should be
thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard the aforesaid sum of money or any
part thereof to him the said Nathan (altho' often thereunto required) hath not rendered
or paid, but the same to him to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth
refuse and unjustly detain, wherefore the said Nathan saith he is the worse and hath
damage to the value of four hundred pounds currentmoney and therefore he brings suit
and soforth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the
seal of the aforesaid Richard whose date is the day and year aforesaid which the debt
aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth &c. — John Doe and
H. Ridgely for Plaintiff — Pledges and soforth. { Richard Roe.

Oyer of the writing obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and the condition
thereof follow to wit —

Know all Men by these presents that I Richard Bolgate of Baltimore county am
held and firmly bound unto Nathan Griffith of Baltimore town in the sum of two
hundred and forty eight pounds nineteen shillings currentmoney to be paid to the said
Nathan Griffith or his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns, to which payment
well and truly to be made, I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators or either
of them firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal, dated the twenty fourth day of
July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. The Condition
of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Richard Bolgate or his heirs executors
administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the
above named Nathan Griffith or his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns
the just sum of one hundred and twenty four pounds nine shillings and six pence, dollars
at 7/6. without any fraud or further delay, then the above obligation to be void or else to be
and remain in full force and virtue. —

Sealed and delivered in the presence of } Richard Bolgate (Seal)
Ruth Ashman. —

A copy of which aforegoing 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 eighth day of the same month —
Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, being the day of the return
of the aforegoing writ, comes into our General Court here, the said Nathan Griffith by his
attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Baltimore county to whom the same writ was —
made and directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed (Cont)

Cepi, Copy left the 26th of April — Philip Graybill Shff

And the said Richard Bolgate being called, appears, and at the prayer of the said
Nathan Griffith by his attorney aforesaid, the said Richard Bolgate is adjudged to give
special

special bail to the action aforesaid. Whereupon the said Richard Bolgate by Luther Martin
his attorney files in Court here the following bail piece to wit —

You John Bolgate and Shadrach Tipton jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves
special bail for Richard Bolgate at the suit of Nathan Griffith in a plea of debt brought by the
said Nathan Griffith against the said Richard Bolgate in the General Court for the
Western Shore to be held at the city of Annapolis the second tuesday in May next; —
they acknowledge themselves content therewith this 30th day of April 1787.

Acknowledged before — Jere. Johnson, John Bradock.

I Richard Bolgate impower authorize and appoint Luther Martin Esquire to appear for
me in the above action. Given under my hand & seal this 30th day of April 1787.

Witness — Richard Bolgate (Seal)

And the said Richard Bolgate by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury
when and soforth, 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 Nathan Griffith also.

At which said second tuesday in October to wit, the ninth day of the same month Anno Domini
one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, comes again into our General Court here as well the
said Nathan Griffith by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Bolgate by his attorney aforesaid
And the said Richard Bolgate by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury
when and soforth, 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 Nathan
Griffith also. —

At which said second tuesday in May to wit, the thirteenth day of the same month Anno
Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eighty, comes again into our General Court
here, as well the said Nathan Griffith by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Bolgate
by his attorney aforesaid. — And the said Richard Bolgate by his attorney aforesaid, as before
defends the force and injury when and soforth, 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 Nathan Griffith also. —

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 into our General Court here
as well the said Nathan Griffith by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Bolgate by his
attorney aforesaid. — And the said Richard Bolgate by his attorney aforesaid as before defends
the force and injury when and soforth, and saith, that the said Nathan Griffith his action —
aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain ought not, because he saith, that he the said
Richard Bolgate did pay unto the said Nathan Griffith the said sum of money in the —
Condition of the writing obligatory aforesaid mentioned with legal interest thereon according
to the form and effect of the said Condition of the writing obligatory, and this he is ready to verify
Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Nathan Griffith his action aforesaid against him to
have or maintain ought and soforth. —

And the said Nathan Griffith saith, that he by any thing by the said Richard Bolgate
before in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his action aforesaid against him ought
not to be precluded, because he saith that the said Richard Bolgate hath not paid unto him
the said Nathan Griffith the said sum of money in the Condition of the writing obligatory
aforesaid