Richard Hopkins son of Gerrard Hopkins
against
Thomas Warfield

Debt and Costs. Stephen Gamble special bail. Judgment, Mutatis Mutandis as against William Laurence, folio 341.

Test John Irwinn Clk

Alexander Hamilton & Robert Ferguson
against
Samuel Cleland

Be it remembered that heretofore towit, on the thirty first day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson by Richard Potts their attorney sued out of our General Court, the State of Maryland's writ of Capias ad respondendum, directed to the sheriff of Frederick county in the words and figures following towit. —

The State of Maryland Sc. To the sheriff of Frederick county Greeting, We commond you that you take Samuel Bleland late of Frederick county Gentleman, otherwise called Samuel Bleland of Frederick 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 Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson in a plea that he render unto them the sum of fourteen hundred pounds currentmoney which to them he owes and from them 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 31st day of March 1788. (R Potts, Thos B. Hodgkin Clk.

And the said Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson by their attorney aforesaid declare against the said Samuel Bleland in the plea aforesaid as follows towit,

Western Shore of Maryland and county of Frederick towit, Samuel Bleland late of Frederick county Gentleman, otherwise called Samuel Bleland of Frederick county in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson in a plea that he render unto them the sum of fourteen hundred pounds currentmoney, which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains and so forth. — And whereupon the said Alexander and Robert by Richard Potts their attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Samuel on the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five at Frederick county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the said Alexander and Robert in the sum of fourteen hundred pounds currency to be paid to them when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the said Samuel although often afterwards thereunto required the aforesaid sum of fourteen hundred pounds or any part thereof to them the said Alexander and Robert hath not contented or paid, but the same sum of money or any part thereof to them the said Alexander and Robert to content or pay the said Samuel hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse whereby the said Alexander and Robert say they are the worse and have damage to the value of twelve hundred and fifty pounds currentmoney and therefore they bring suit and so forth and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Samuel which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth

witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth

Richard Potts for the Plaintiffs. Pledges and so forth. John Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of the writing obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and the Condition thereof follow, in these words towit. —

Know all Men by these presents that we Samuel Bleland and Normand Bruce of Frederick county in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Alexander Hamilton of the town of Piscataway, and Robert Ferguson of the town of Pottobacco, in the penal sum of fourteen hundred pounds currency, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators and assigns each and every of them jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five. 5. — The Condition of this obligation is such that the above bound Samuel Bleland his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson or to their certain attorneys executors administrators and assigns the just and full sum of seven hundred pounds currentmoney of Maryland in specie at or upon the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, with legal interest for the same to commence the first day of February last past without fraud or further delay, or else this obligation to remain in full force and virtue. Samuel Bleland (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in presence of. Geo: Dickson. Norm^d Bruce (Seal).

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 towit, 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, come into our General Court here the said Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson by their attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Frederick county to whom the same writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed towit. — Cepi. Copies nar boys left 16th April 1788. Thos Beatty Shff.

And the said Samuel Bleland being called appears and at the prayer of the said Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson by their attorney aforesaid, the said Samuel Bleland is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid, whereupon the said Samuel Bleland by Philip Barton Key his attorney filed in Court here the following bail piece towit.

Robert Ferguson and Alexander Hamilton
against
Samuel Cleland.

You Adam Good & Thomas Samuel Pole, do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Samuel Bleland at the suit of the said Robert Ferguson and Alexander Hamilton in an action of debt, brought by the said Robert Ferguson and Alexander Hamilton against the said Samuel Bleland; in the General Court for the Western Shore: they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith the twenty eighth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty eight. Before John Ads Key. Jno. Gurnn. —

To the honble the Judges of the General Court.

To Philip Barton Key Esq. atty for Defendant.

And the said Samuel Bleland 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 Alexander Hamilton and Robert Ferguson also. —

At which said second tuesday in October towit, the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, come again into our General