his Attorney sued out of our General Court the State of Maryland's writ of Capias ad respondendum, directed to the Sheriff of Prince Georges county in these words to wit,

The State of Maryland Sct. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges county. Greeting. We command you that you take John Eversfield late of Prince Georges county gentleman, otherwise called John Eversfield of Prince Georges 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 of October next, to answer unto William Lyles Junior of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of fifty thousand pounds of crop tobacco, which to him he owes and 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 21st day of June Anno domini 1785.

Issued the 22d day of August 1785. (M. J. Stone) Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk

At which said second tuesday in October to wit the eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into our General Court here, the said William Lyles Junior by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges county to whom the said writ was directed, likewise comes makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit,

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And the said Sheriff, although being called upon to bring into Court here the body of the said John Eversfield according to his return of the writ aforesaid, brings him not in, but makes default, Whereupon it is adjudged by the Court here, that the said Sheriff be amerced the quantity of one thousand pounds of tobacco, in case he hath not the body of the said John Eversfield in Court here on the second tuesday in May next;

At which said second tuesday in May, to wit, the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, comes again into our General Court here, the said William Lyles Junior by his attorney aforesaid, And the Sheriff aforesaid, being further called upon, to bring into Court here, the body of the said John Eversfield, whom this day he ought to have here in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid; and to save the amerciament aforesaid, brings him in, whereupon it is adjudged by the Court here, that the amerciament aforesaid be struck out; And the said William Lyles Junior by his attorney aforesaid, declares against the said John Eversfield in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit, Maryland to wit, John Eversfield late of Prince Georges county gentleman, otherwise called John Eversfield of Prince Georges county in the State of Maryland, was summoned to answer unto William Lyles Jun. in a plea that he render unto him the sum of fifty thousand pounds of crop tobacco, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. — And whereupon the said William by Michael Jenifer Stone his attorney saith, that whereas the aforesaid John on the twentieth December in

in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, at Prince Georges county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said William in the full and just sum of fifty thousand pounds of crop tobacco to be paid to him the said William when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid John altho' often thereunto required, the aforesaid sum of fifty thousand pounds of crop tobacco to him the said William hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore he saith he is worse, and hath damage to the value of fifty thousand pounds crop tobacco, and therefore he brings suit and so forth; And brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid John which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid.

M. J. Stone for Plff. Pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe.

The writing obligatory, whereof mention in the Declaration aforesaid is made and the condition thereof follows in these words to wit: Know all Men by these presents, that we Fielder Bowie, John Smith Brookes, Patrick Sim and John Eversfield all of Prince Georges county in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto William Lyles Jun. of Alexandria and State of Virginia in the full and just sum of fifty thousand pounds of crop tobacco to be paid to the said William Lyles Jun. his heirs executors, administrators or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally in and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twentieth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Fielder Bowie, John Smith Brookes, Patrick Sim and John Eversfield or either of them do and shall well and truly pay or cause to pay unto the said William Lyles Jun. his heirs or assigns the full and just sum of twenty five thousand pounds of merchantable tobacco (each Hogshead weighing not less than nine hundred and fifty pounds, not inspected above nine months at the time of payment) on the twentieth day of December seventeen hundred and eighty three with legal interest on the same then the above obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Fielder Bowie (Seal)
John Smith Brookes (Seal)
Patrick Sim (Seal)
John Eversfield (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us,
Samd Bond, Richard Brandt.

Decr. 20th 1781. If the within Bond is paid off within twenty days after becoming due it carys no Interest.

Wm Lyles Jun.

And the said John Eversfield by Thomas Stone his attorney, defend the force and injury when &c. And prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday in October next, to him it is granted; and the same day is given to the said William Lyles Junior also.

At which said second tuesday in October, to wit, the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, comes again into our General Court here, the said William Lyles Junior by his attorney aforesaid