refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said Mary Murdock saith that she is the worse and hath damage to the value of One thousand pounds current Money and therefore she brings Suit and so forth and brings here into Court the Writing Obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the seal of the said Joseph Sim which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and Year aforesaid and so forth-

William Cooke for Pltff. pledges and so forth. John Doe & Richard Roe

Oyer of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof follow.

State of Maryland Ss.

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Sim of Frederick County in the State aforesaid am held and firmly bound unto Mary Murdock of Prince Georges County in the said State in the full and just sum of Five hundred pounds specie Currency to be paid to the said Mary Murdock her 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 in and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with my Seal and dated the 25th day of November 1783.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Joseph Sim do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Mary Murdock her certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds specie Currency with legal Interest on the same until paid then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law-

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of

A Copy of which aforegoing declaration Voyer was made and sent with the Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid-

At which said second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes the said Mary Murdock by William Cooke her said Attorney And the Sheriff of Frederick County to whom the said Writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed Cepi copies Nar Voyer left 30th July 1788.

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And the said Joseph Sim being called upon appears and at the prayer of the aforesaid Mary Murdock by her Attorney aforesaid the

the said Joseph Sim is adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid Whereupon the said Joseph Sim by Richard Potts his Attorney files in Court here the following Bail piece to wit

Mary Murdock Plaintiff against Joseph Sim Defendant

You Patrick Sim Smith and William Maguder do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Joseph Sim at the suit of the said Mary Murdock in an Action of Debt brought by the said Mary Murdock against the said Joseph Sim in the General Court for the Western Shore They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this tenth day of October 1788.

Before Geo Murdock
Wm Luckett

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court } Richard Potts Attorney for Defendant—

And the said Joseph Sim by Richard Potts his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which next Court to wit the twelfth day of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine comes again as well the said Mary Murdock by her Attorney aforesaid as the said Joseph Sim by his Attorney aforesaid. And the said Joseph Sim by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said Mary Murdock her Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not and so forth because he saith that he the said Joseph Sim did pay unto the said Mary Murdock the said sum of Money in the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory and this he is ready to verify Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Mary Murdock her Action aforesaid against to have or maintain ought &c.

And the said Mary Murdock saith that she by any thing by the said Joseph Sim above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining her action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because she saith that the said Joseph Sim hath not paid unto her the said Mary Murdock the aforesaid sum of Money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said Joseph Sim above by pleading hath alledged and of this she prays may be enquired of by the Country and the aforesaid Joseph Sim in like manner and so forth.

Whereupon this cause standing ready for Tryal Command is given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he cause to come before the Judges of our General Court here on the second tuesday of October next twelve &c. by whom &c. and who neither &c. to recognize

because,