Court here the State of Maryland's writ of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Frederick County in the words and figures — following to wit.

The State of Maryland Set To the Sheriff of Frederick County Greeting We command you that you take Thomas Conner — late of Frederick County farmer otherwise called Thomas Conner of Frederick County and 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 May next to answer unto Richard Coale for the use of Joseph Cowman in a plea that he render unto him the said Richard the sum of two hundred and sixty two pounds ten shillings Current Money which to him he owes and from him the said Richard 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 this 19th day of November 1787.

Thomas B. Hodgkin Clk

Issued the 1st Jany. 1788. (106)

And the said Richard Coale by William Cooke his said Attorney declared against the said Thomas Conner in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit.

State of Maryland and Frederick County to wit.

Thomas Conner late of Frederick County farmer otherwise called Thomas Conner of Frederick County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Richard Coale for the use of Joseph Cowman of a plea that the said Thomas render unto him the said Richard the sum of two hundred and sixty two pounds ten shillings Current Money which to him he owes and from him the said Richard unjustly detains and so forth and whereupon the said Richard by William Cooke his Attorney complains that whereas the said Thomas on the sixteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four at Frederick County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Richard in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and sixty two pounds ten shillings Current Money to be paid to him the said Richard when afterwards he the said Thomas should be thereunto — Nevertheless the said Thomas altho often thereunto required

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the said sum of Current Money to him the said Richard hath not rendered or paid but the same to the said Richard to render or pay he the said Thomas hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said Richard saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of three hundred pounds Current Money and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the Writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the said Thomas which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and Year aforesaid Vs.

W. Cooke ff plaintiff

Pledges and so forth John Doe Vs Richard Roe

Oyer of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof follows —

Know all Men by these presents that I Thomas Conner of Frederick County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Richard Coale of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of two hundred and sixty two pounds ten Shillings Gold and Silver to be paid to the Richard Coale or to his 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 and every of them firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal and dated this sixteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Conner his heirs Executors and Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Richard Coale or to his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of One hundred and thirty one pounds five shillings Gold or Silver with legal Interest from this date on or before the sixteenth day of December in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven without fraud or further delay then the above Obligation to be void and of no effect or else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

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

At which said second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes the aforesaid Richard Coale by his Attorney aforesaid

and,