Hartley of a plea that he render unto them the sum of One hundred and sixty six pounds twelve shillings and six pence Current Money which to them he owes and from them the said John and Thomas Hartley unjustly detains and so forth. And Whereupon the said John and Thomas by William Cooke their attorney complain that whereas the aforesaid Jonathan on the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy six at Washington County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the said John and Thomas in the aforesaid sum of One hundred and sixty six pounds twelve shillings and six pence Current Money to be paid to them the said John and Thomas when afterwards he the said Jonathan should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Jonathan altho' thereunto often required the aforesaid sum of One hundred and sixty six pounds twelve shillings and six pence Current Money to them the said John and Thomas hath not rendered or paid but the same sum of Money to the said John and Thomas or either of them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said John and Thomas say they are the worse and have damage to the value of two hundred pounds Current Money and therefore they bring Suit and so forth. and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Jonathan which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the Date " whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

W Cooke for Pltff. Pledges and so forth Jno Doe and Richd Roe:

Oyer of the writing obligatory and of the Condition thereof follow.

Know all men by these presents that I Jonathan Simmons son of Elizabeth of Frederick County in the Province of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Messrs John and Thomas Hartley Merchants in Whitehaven in the sum and just sum of One " hundred and sixty six pounds twelve shillings and six pence " Current Money to be paid unto the said John & Thomas Hartley their 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 firmly by these presents " sealed with my seal and dated this fifteenth day of October " Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and seventy six. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above,

above bound Jonathan Simmons do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John and Thomas Hartley their certain attorney Executors Administrators or assigns the just and full sum of Eighty three pounds six shillings and three pence Currency with legal Interest for the same then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Willm Murdock. } Jonathan Simmons (Seal)

Copies of which said declaration and Oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed to be served on the defendant or left up his place of abode, twenty days at least before the return of the said writ for plea or Judgment the first Court.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said John Hartley and Thomas Hartley by their attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Washington County aforesaid, to wit; Adam Ott Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit,

Cepi & Nar left the 27th day of Sept. Adm Ott Shff.

And the said Jonathan Simmons by Baker Johnson his attorney appears in Court here, and thereupon on motion of the said John Hartley and Thomas Hartley by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Jonathan Simmons give special bail in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon the said Jonathan Simmons by his attorney aforesaid, files in Court here a certain bail piece and which being approved of by the Court here, is in form following, to wit;

John and Thomas Hartley Pltff
vs
Jonathan Simmond Deft.

You Richard Simmond and Richard Jams do joyntly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Jonathan Simmond at the suit of the said John and Thomas Hartley in an action of debt brought by the said John and Thomas Hartley against the said Jonathan Simmond in the General Court for the Western Shore of " Maryland, You acknowledge yourselves to be content " therewith,